



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Memorandum

DATE: November 14, 2018

MEMO TO: MROSD Board of Directors

THROUGH: Ana Ruiz, General Manager

FROM: Matt Anderson, Visitor Services Manager/Chief Ranger *MA*

SUBJECT: Permitting for Mt Umunhum

This is an update on the permit status for Mt Umunhum.

Background

Prior to the opening of Mt Umunhum to the public on September 16, 2017 it was decided we would defer issuing use permits for a year to get a better idea of usage patterns and carrying capacity of the site. As was anticipated, there was very high interest in the mountain and the number of vehicles was initially recorded at over 3,000 per week. Visitation levels have since steadily declined and have now leveled out around 1,000 cars per week for the summer of 2018. With the onset of fall, the numbers are trending around 500 cars per week with approximately 50% of the visitation occurring on weekends.

Moving Forward

With this data and onsite reports from staff we now have a good baseline for attendance and capacity and will begin accepting requests for small (over 20 people) and large (over 50) group permits under our general policies with some additional site specific conditions.

Public Affairs has maintained a list groups/persons interested in permits for Mount Umunhum. Initial notification of this opportunity will go to groups/persons on this list and then our website will be updated.

Site Specific Conditions

- Permits will only be allowed Mon-Fri during regular preserve hours. No after hours or astronomy permits.
- Due to limited parking for activities staging at Bald Mountain and Jacques Ridge the number of vehicles will be limited to ½ of the available spaces.
- After hours Docent activities do not require permits and will still be allowed.

Additional Required Permits / Documents

Permittee shall be required to provide copies of any and all applicable permits and licenses (ie: Health, Business, Fire Marshall, etc) and/or proof of certified services (ie: security, emergency response, etc).

- If food and or beverages (unpackaged or prepackaged) is *sampled, prepared, or given away* to the public, a health permit is required from the Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department. The appropriate Website will be provided to applicants to assist in securing the correct permits.
- Compliance with our pack it in and pack it out policy will be required unless alternative accommodations have been arranged.