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## Tentative Resort Development Schedule per Napa County

September 2021: Board consideration/approval of winning concessionaire, award of exclusive negotiating agreement (or similar document).

Fall 2021 - Spring 2023: Public input, community meetings, CEQA/NEPA studies and review.

Spring 2023: Approval of CEQA/NEPA documents, award of (long term) concession development and operating agreements.

Spring 2023: Groundbreaking, commencement of construction.

Spring 2024: Opening of 3 new concession areas.

Note: It is the considered opinion of the Lake Berryessa News that this schedule is much too long. Lake Berryessa redevelopment should be on a fast track. A review of Sun Communities' development capabilities shows that they can do this faster. The irony here is that these sites have been open for more than 50 years. Numerous environmental studies have been completed. Every site has undergone significant impacts including excavation, road, structure, and launch ramp construction. Let's not take a "Reinvent the wheel" approach to such a critical process after almost 15 years of delay!

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# The Lake Berryessa News

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September 2021

## Life After Labor Day - Summer Ends With Low Water But High Hopes! Sun Communities Chosen To Revitalize Three Lake Berryessa Resorts

You've all heard of Sun Communities, the \$5.6 Billion dollar, publicly-traded corporation that operates hundreds of resorts, marinas, and mobile home parks in North America with a portfolio of 522 manufactured home communities, recreational vehicle resorts and marinas located in 39 states and Canada and actually has a local 55-plus community on Orchard Avenue in Napa? You haven't? Well most people have never heard of them either.

You can catch up by reading the public information from their website I provided on Page 2 of this edition. Also peruse their website at [www.suncommunities.com/](http://www.suncommunities.com/).

Don't be confused by their emphasis on manufactured home communities and the buying and selling of manufactured homes. Sun Communities properties appear to be all on private land which allows this. Lake Berryessa may be the first time they are a concessionaire on government-owned land.

Private ownership of mobile homes on a Lake Berryessa resort can never happen again. The 2006 Record of Decision, the basic governing document of the future use of federal land at Lake Berryessa, banned personal ownership of mobile homes as "exclusive use".

Of course small mobile homes and cabins will be offered as rentals. RV camping will be another major amenity at the three resorts. It is unclear how much tent camping will be offered since the actual proposed

plans will not be made public until the contracts are actually signed.

Reading the descriptions of the various Sun Communities resorts shows their emphasis on nearby public and private vacation attractions like national parks, lakes and rivers, and marinas. They do not appear to manage many/any large full-service marinas like those that were available in the past at Lake Berryessa. However, the extent of their ability to create great resorts at this lake is not in question.

They obviously look at Lake Berryessa as a major opportunity to expand into the important recreation area of Lake Berryessa with an emphasis on their proximity to a world famous tourist destination - the Napa Valley.

The Napa supervisors have seen the Sun Communities bid and plans. They and County staff have been uniformly supportive for the last three years and deserve the thanks of our community.

One goal is to bring marinas back to the resorts. County Supervisor Diane Dillon said Sun Communities can do much more. "I think they will bring visitor-serving amenities and that could be eating establishments, sleeping establishments, the ability for people to come and visit the lake for more than just a day and enjoy it and recreate and relax and bolster the local economy up there," Dillon said.

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The three resort sites, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish Flat Recreation Area (the former Rancho Monticello Resort) offer various redevelopment opportunities.

Steele Canyon has large areas amenable to RV camping with some sites providing great views of the lake.

Long-time Berryessa buffs will recall that the old Steele Park Resort eliminated tent camping in favor of RV camping because of rowdy campers. Of course, they had about 140 long-term mobile homeowners paying \$450 per month rent of their sites (\$63,000 per month - about 40% of their revenue) to depend on.

Although Spanish Flat appears to have less area for full service RV sites and may continue to provide tent camping, it does have some amazing view locations on the east side of their "island" which could be converted to RV sites or rental cabins.

Monticello Shores provides the best opportunity for advanced recreation

amenity design. It has a long two-mile shoreline and is large enough to host a 9-hole, par-3 golf course. It was the largest resort at the lake hosting about 500 mobile home sites.

An open question still remains regarding the present interim contracts between the County and the operators of Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat. Those contracts expire on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Spanish Flat Partners agreed to consider an extension to run Spanish Flat. Pleasure Cove (Suntex) declined to consider an extension to running Steele Canyon. Will Steele Canyon simply close?

## BOAT & JET SKI RENTALS



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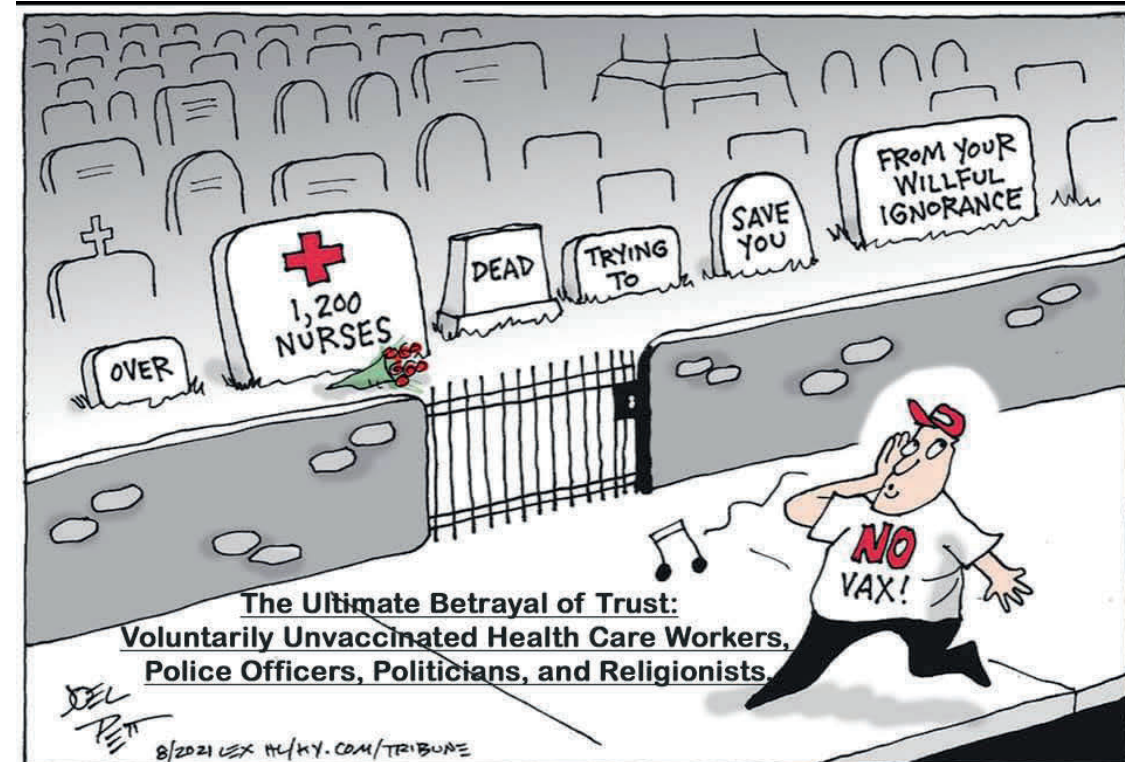


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## 2 What Is Sun Communities, Inc.?

Sun Communities is a publicly traded real estate investment trust that invests in manufactured housing communities, recreational vehicle resorts, and marinas. As of June 30, 2021 the company owned interests in 569 such communities in the United States and Canada consisting of over 153,300 developed sites and nearly 41,300 wet slips and dry storage spaces.

Established in 1975, Sun Communities became a publicly owned corporation in December, 1993. The company is a fully integrated real estate investment trust (REIT) listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: SUI.

Sun Communities has twice been honored by the Manufactured Housing Institute as winner of the "Community Operator of the Year" award. The award is emblematic of Sun Communities' focus on professional management at the community level.

In December 1993, the company became a public company via an initial public offering.

In March 1996, the company acquired 25 manufactured housing communities for \$226 million.

In August 1996, the company made a hostile bid to buy Chateau Properties Inc. for \$370 million in stock.

In September 1997, the company acquired 9 manufactured housing communities for \$93 million.

In September 1999, the company opened its 4th community in Austin, Texas.

In April 2013, the company acquired Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Wyoming County, New York.

In August 2015, the company sold properties in Ohio and Michigan to UMH Properties for \$34.5 million.

In June 2016, the company acquired a portfolio of 103-communities mostly located in California, Florida, and Ontario, Canada for \$1.7 billion from an affiliate of Centerbridge Partners.

In October 2019, the company acquired a portfolio of 31 manufactured housing communities for \$343.6M.

In September 2020, the company acquired Safe Harbor Marinas for \$2.11 billion.

Key people Gary A. Shiffman, Chairman & CEO  
John B. McLaren, COO  
Karen J. Dearing, CFO

Revenue US\$1.264 billion (2019)

Net income US\$0.160 billion (2019)

Total assets US\$7.802 billion (2019)

Total equity US\$3.875 billion (2019)

Number of employees 3,146 (2019)

## Sun Communities Sample Amenities

### Explore California

From the base of Oregon to the Mexican border, California covers nearly 900 miles of land. Along the Pacific coastline, popular beaches such as Rodeo and Pacific Beach attract thousands of visitors every year. Yosemite, Sequoia, Redwood and Joshua Tree National Parks are also popular attractions for hiking, backpacking, birdwatching, fishing and horseback riding.

Wine lovers from around the world travel to California's Napa Valley to sip their way through its many vineyards, an area known for nearly 90 percent of American wine production. Other popular California destinations like Hollywood, Los Angeles and San Francisco offer a plethora of dining, entertainment and attractions to choose from. Whether you're looking for the warm southern climates of San Diego and Indio, the wine region of Paso Robles on the Central Coast, or up in the northern reaches of Plymouth, our outdoor vacation destinations put you near everything you'd want in a California vacation.

### Boating

Boating and camping just go together! Who doesn't love a day on the water? From canoes and kayaks to small sailboats, fishing charters and recreational crafts, these vessels can be seen gliding across lakes, oceans and rivers from coast to coast. Love boating? Our RV resorts provide plenty of on-site and nearby opportunities for boating rentals and charters.

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At the resort, you'll find an array of amenities such as a swimming pool and spa area, clubhouse, picnic and pet-friendly areas. Book your reservation today at this San Diego gem!

### RV Sites: Back-In, Pull-Through

These spacious back-in and pull-through RV sites offer full hookups with 20-, 30- or 50-amp electric services for your convenience. Many sites offer close access to the Chula Vista Marina, Bayside Park, Central Complex,

restrooms, laundry, pet stop, and similar amenities.

Amenities: Cable TV Access, Laundry Facilities (\$), On-Site Store (\$), Propane (\$), Pet Friendly, Pet Area, Picnic Area, Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Horseshoes, Fitness Center, Biking, Game Room

### Sun Communities Napa

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1040 Orchard Avenue, Napa, CA 94558  
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### 55+ Active Living in Napa, California!

Sun Communiyies Napa Valley is a 55+ community in Napa, California and is surrounded by countless vineyards. The slow-paced way of living allows residents to take time, relax, and enjoy our rural atmosphere, wildlife and awe-inspiring views of the surrounding hills. You'll feel right at home at Napa Valley where the community offers residents top-notch amenities to enjoy.

Take a dip in our sparkling swimming pool, participate in aqua aerobics, or relax poolside; the choice is yours. Keep fit and active with our fully-equipped fitness room

We welcome all kinds of furry friends to our community and its exclusive pet area  
Meet your new neighbors and future friends at our clubhouse, the social hub of our community

This popular age qualified Napa Valley manufactured housing community is located in the famous wine country of Napa, California. Enjoy the small town charm of our picturesque surroundings, or hit the big city with easy highway access to Sacramento. Residents of our close-knit community enjoy the best of both worlds thanks to our ideal location.

We take pride in our professional and friendly guest service team, who strive to provide our residents with a carefree lifestyle.-from our beautiful clubhouse to the meticulously manicured landscaping,

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## Getting Your Boat Ready For Winter

The worst thing that can happen to a boater is to come to your boat in the spring, remove the cover and find out it's full of water, or covered in mold and mildew. There is no way to store your boat all winter that is foolproof. The best thing to do is check on your boat often, especially if there has been any kind of inclement weather.

You may still get some warm days to take the boat out, but you can start the process now. First thing is to add fuel stabilizer to your fuel. Even if you go out several more times this season, it is a good idea to add it early. That way if you don't use the boat again it's in there. The stabilizer works best if you add it to the fuel and then take the boat out on the water. That way it gets run through all the fuel lines helping to prevent a buildup of varnish that can cause poor performance next year.

Check your owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommendations for winterization or off-season lay up. It is highly recommended that you contact a reputable boat service center and pay to have your boat winterized properly. This is the best way to make sure your boat is ready for the winter as well as making sure the regular maintenance has been done.

Take out the drain plugs. Allow any moisture in the boat to get out. Make sure you clean out any debris in the bilge area so that it can't build up in front of the drain plug opening. Make sure you store the boat in a bow up position. Make sure your cover fits and that it is tented properly. In other words be sure the water will always run off and not puddle in the canvas, if you store in a barn or other outside type building, you may want to cover the cover with a sheet of plastic just loosely draped over the cover to keep bird droppings off the canvas and the boat. The acid in the droppings can cause color fade on both the canvas and the gelcoat on the boat.

Inside Storage. The best way to store your boat is to have it in a locked, indoor facility. But even then you need to check on it to make sure there is no moisture accumulating inside the cover. Moisture trapped inside the cover causes mildew and mold. Also with inside storage you can have mice and rodents get into your boat and destroy upholstery, wiring and hoses. Be sure to check your boat often to be sure you don't have a problem.

Shrink Wrap. Many marinas and shops offer shrink wrap as a service and solution to customers storing their boats for a long period of time. This is another way of storing and works very well for keeping rain, snow, dirt, and debris from entering the boat, but it can also lock in moisture from condensation and with the fluctuation in temperatures again cause mold and mildew. If you decide to shrink wrap your boat, be sure the shop puts in vents and it is a good idea to ask for a door to be added to the shrink wrap so you can open it during nice days and air it out.



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1076 Rimrock Dr., \$84,500

208 Manzanita Ln., \$149,000

319 Black Oak Ln., \$65,000

1102 Arroyo Grande Dr., \$48,999

1268 Steele Canyon Rd., \$75,000

817 Bahia Vista Ct., \$49,000

814 Bahia Vista Ct., \$79,000

1068 Eastridge Dr., \$130,000

1014 Arroyo Linda Ct. \$49,000

1052 Eastridge Dr., \$125,000

917 Cape Cod Ct., \$150,000

Boat Covers, Canvas, Tarps. This is the most common way to store boats. The problem here is that most covers are not "tented" properly. You need to make sure that there are no sagging areas in your tarp where water can stand. Eventually the canvas will leak and the water will run into your boat. To keep the boat tented properly, you can use a custom fitted cover with tent poles already built in, or you can build your own frame work to hold the cover up. In either case you need to check the cover often and look under the cover to make sure that mold and mildew are not growing under the cover. It is a good idea again to open up the cover during nice sunny days and allow the boat to air out.

Another tip for keeping the moisture in check is to take plain Tidy Cat cat litter and pour it into 3 or 4 smallish vinyl dishpans. This will absorb several times its own weight in moisture. Spread the dishpans out in the boat.

## Onion Headlines

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Congressional Democrats Put On Elaborate 4th Of July Pageant To Teach Republicans Importance Of Democracy  
Q-Anon to require all members to get vaccinated against science  
Texas to ban the use of seatbelts since people can still get into accidents even if they are wearing one  
Mexico to build and pay for wall to keep unvaccinated Americans out  
Many Employers Having Difficulty Filling Positions Due To Shortage of Workers Willing To Get Paid Basically Nothing For All Their Waking Time



Alice Cooper at Lake Berryessa!

Most of you have seen my stories and photos of the old Berryessa Bowl Rock Concert venue below Turtle Rock. But I just got a link to a music collectibles site (Recordmecca: Fine Music Collectibles) that added to the history. Alice Cooper played there as the band known as The Spiders before becoming Alice Cooper.

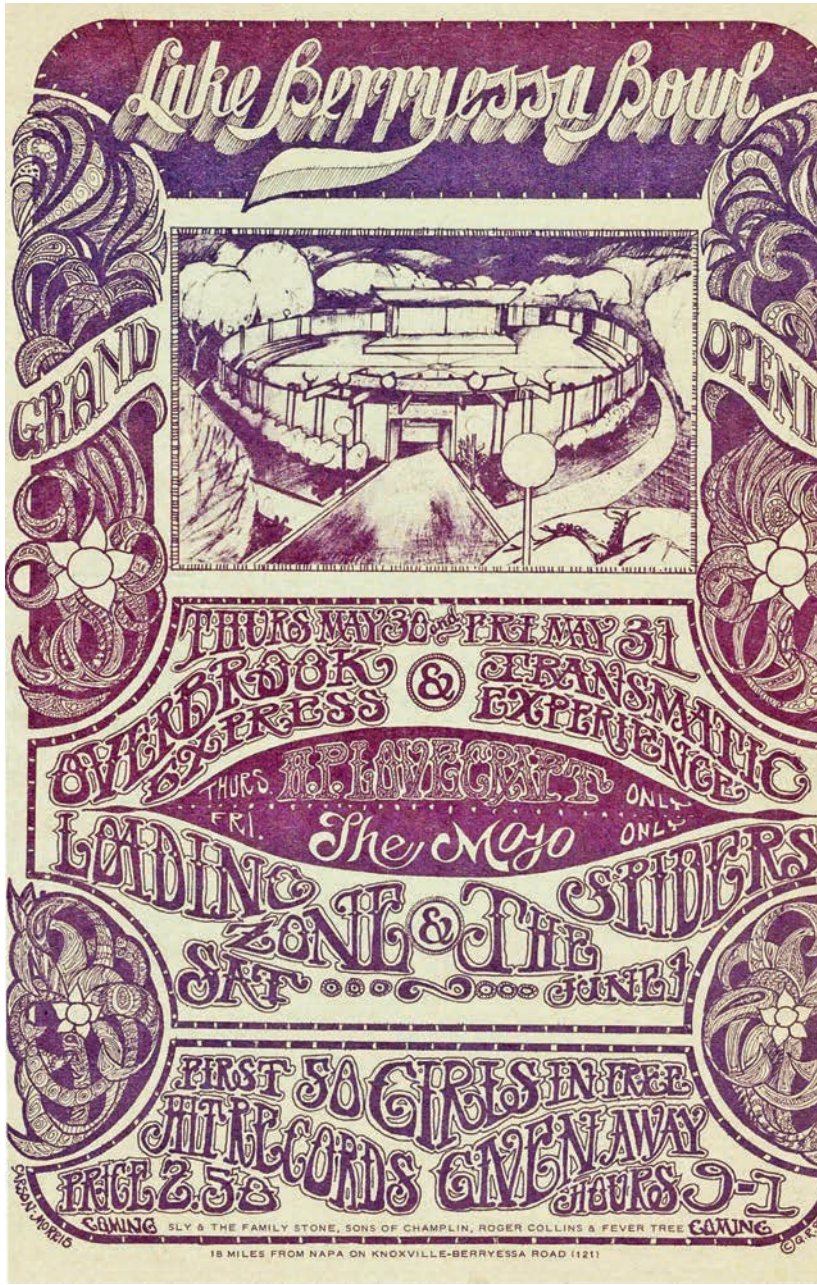
Alice Cooper (The Spiders)

1968 Lake Berryessa Bowl Concert Handbill

A rare handbill advertising the ‘Grand Opening’ of the Lake Berryessa Bowl, in Winters California, listing a number of upcoming shows by groups including one featuring The Spiders, at just about the time they changed their name to Alice Cooper.

The Lake Berryessa Bowl, 18 miles from Napa, opened with three days of concerts, featuring rock groups including H.P. Lovecraft, Loading Zone, Transmatic Express, and on June 1 The Spiders. The Spiders were, of course, the group that changed their name to Alice Cooper, and became world famous. This show took place exactly as that name change was happening, during a run of West Coast shows – in fact they had already played at least one show with their new name. Three weeks later, as Alice Cooper, they opened for Ten Years After at the Whisky-A-Go-Go in Hollywood.

The handbill measures 7 1/4” x 11” and is in mint condition, with psychedelic artwork is by Carson-Morris. A scarce Alice Cooper collectible. **\$300**



September 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You will finally meet the man of your dreams, which sounds like good news until you remember some of your dreams.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): It’s simply not true that most people think you’re an anonymous loser. In fact, most people have never heard of you.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your charred, lifeless body will time and again debunk the old myth about lightning never striking the same place twice.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Your mother claims that she never raised a liar for a son, but then what else do you expect from a lizard-human hybrid born out of a top-secret government project?

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You’ve never been good at saying goodbye, which explains why your speech therapist keeps charging you for an extra half hour each week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): While you may have valor, resolve, and even vigor, what you don’t have is a basic understanding of what those words actually mean.

Leo (7/23-8/22): After days of grave and anxious discussion, the stars have decided that it’s better you don’t know.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enjoy your position at the top of the food chain, because God is about to shake things up a little with the new Mountain Lion 2.0.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The inner world of every person contains realms unimagined, but you should still be able to guess what your license-plate-collecting brother-in-law might like for Christmas.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Your inability to conduct both parallel and distributed computational processes will prevent you from being an integral component in next year’s hottest laptops.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Advances in science will soon allow man to travel to the most distant corners of the universe. Still no word, however, on it being able to get you off that couch.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Use the watering-can of good intentions to nurture the fig tree of expectations. There, enjoy figuring that one out.

Napa County Hoping Sun Communities Can Revitalize Lake Berryessa

Napa County has revealed the name of the prospective concessionaire it has in mind to lead a Lake Berryessa resort renaissance — Sun Communities, the operator of hundreds of resorts, marinas, and mobile home parks in North America. One goal is to bring marinas back to the resorts. County Supervisor Diane Dillon said Sun Communities can do much more.

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Pedroza said the county will need some patience. “Right now, the goal is to reach an agreement with a long-term partner to have sustainable development,” Pedroza said. “Lake Berryessa doesn’t deserve interim solutions. Lake Berryessa deserves long-term success.”

Dillon took a similar stance. “The devil is in the details and there’s a lot that needs to be done,” Dillon said. “There’s still coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation that needs to happen before we reach that space where, it’s all ours, we don’t have to go and check with anybody else.”

Peter Kilkus, Berryessa Highlands resident and editor of the Lake Berryessa News, has followed the resort redevelopment efforts from the start. He thinks the redeveloped resorts can open faster than in 2024.

"That's twice as long as I would like to see," Kilkus said.

(See tentative schedule on back page.)

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Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall Repair Update (Paul Quarneri)

The Contractors have completed all of the work that was required from the fire damage last year. The following is a list of completed work done by them and us.

1. Garage, The building had structural damage repaired. The roof was replaced, the building has new stucco and was painted.
2. Main Building, The building has been painted outside and in, burned doors replaced, patio roof cover resealed with epoxy coating, heaters and air conditioners replaced, inside completely cleaned.
3. Grounds, The irrigation system redone with new plants and trees, new outdoor lights and fans, parking area cleaned up.

I am sure I have left out some other repairs that we did but the main message here is that the building is ready to use again. We are planning something in the very near future. I will keep you posted once I have all the information

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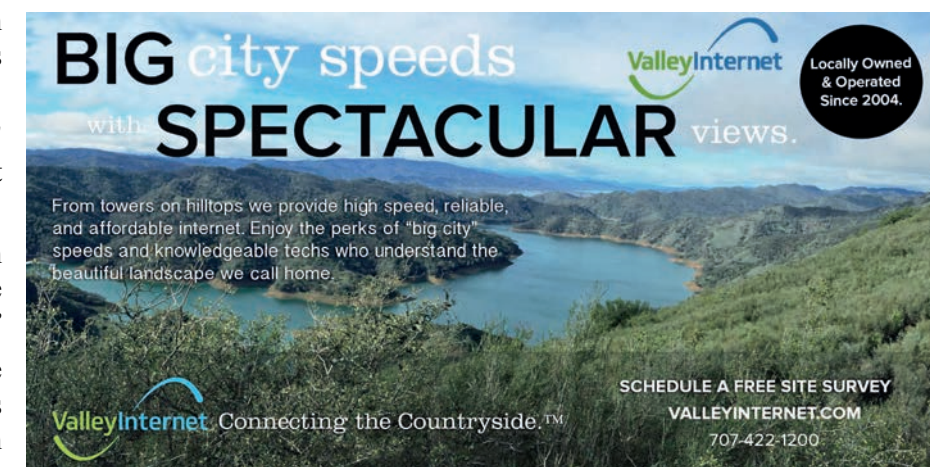
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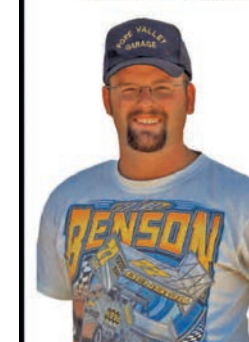
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#### 4 The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument - Revisited

by Peter Kilkus

On July 27, 2021 Congressman John Garamendi released a discussion draft of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act for public review and comment. This legislation would expand Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include nearly 4,000 acres of federally owned land, the Lake County portion of Walker Ridge. Walker Ridge is already protected, as was the original land co-opted into the national monument map.

The Lake Berryessa News opposes the *Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act*, as it did the original National Monument designation. The draft legislation to add the Lake County portion of Walker Ridge to the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will do nothing of substance for the area. The original BSMNM was unnecessary and actually had little local support. BSMNM is actually the “Dumbest National Monument in the United States”.

All the land in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (BSMNM) was land managed by various government entities and already protected. This "national monument" should never have been created, much less expanded! I previously documented this in detail. Read the full report at:

[www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/berryessa-snow-mountain.html](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/berryessa-snow-mountain.html)

#### The History of the Creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: The Ultimate Political Perversion of the Antiquities Act (excerpt)

By Peter Kilkus

*The Twisted Ten-Year Political Path From a Modest Nature Area Partnership to a Local Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area to a Large Disjointed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area to an Incoherent Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.*

Is it the “Dumbest National Monument in the United States”? An objective review of the process by which it was created and the final formal designation suggests the answer is YES. I personally support the creation of legitimate national monuments, but this is not that. Being part of the ten year political process that led to its creation convinced me that in many situations the Antiquities Act is being abused. The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is a perfect case study of this abuse.

The Antiquities Act states that National Monuments should contain “historic landmarks, historic and

prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest” and be “the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

As specified in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), which includes National Conservation Areas and National Monuments, was established in order to “conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations.”

But more importantly, using economic benefits as a criteria for creating a National Monument is dishonest. National Monuments ARE NOT created to be economic benefits to rural communities and that criteria is not to be used in proposing this designation.

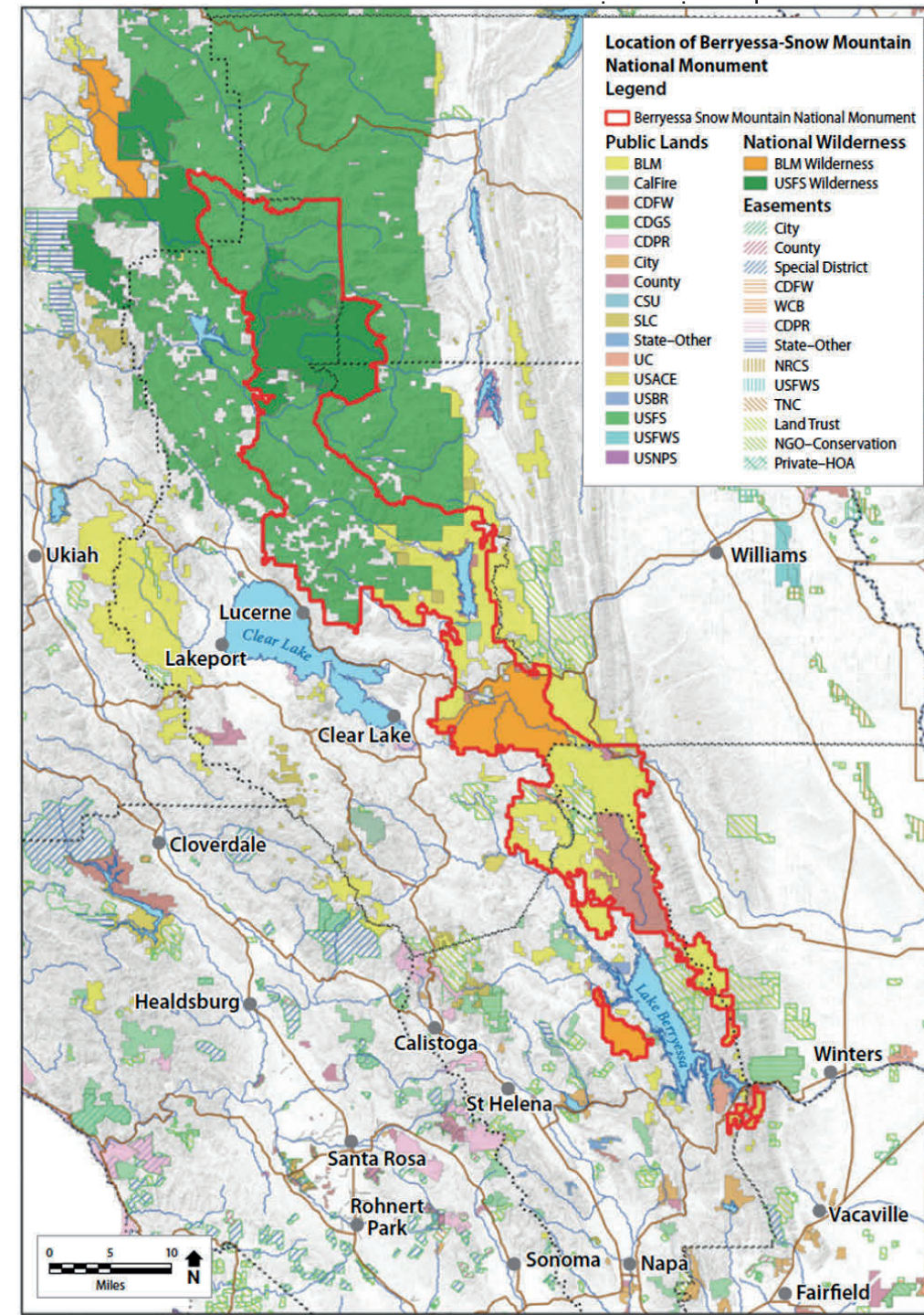
Lake Berryessa is not “nationally significant” enough to be included in any national monument and it is not part of the BSMNM. It is not even an especially important environmental resource. This is a man-made lake that did not exist before 1958. It is an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and a recreation resource – in that order. The lands around it have been significantly disturbed by construction and grazing for decades. Ecologically, the land is interesting but not critical to the existence of any species.

The water has no significant indigenous species, although some native fish from the old Putah Creek – Town of Monticello days still survive. Fish are stocked in Lake Berryessa by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for human recreation – not for conservation.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was created, as predicted, by a stroke of the presidential pen in a proclamation issued on July 10, 2015 by President Barack Obama under the Antiquities Act. The final map is reproduced below - little of the Lake Berryessa region is included. The designation has had no measurable effect on the economy of Lake Berryessa, the City of Winters, nor Napa County. Based on the standards for national monuments it clearly deserves the title of “The Dumbest National Monument in the United States”.

The word Berryessa should not even be in the name. Lake Berryessa is not included in the BSMNM. The only reference to Berryessa is Berryessa Peak, a small hill at the far south end of the BSMNM. The name should have more logically been the Mendocino Snow Mountain National Monument.

One of the silliest things about the Berryessa Snow



Mountain National Monument proposal is not just its name but the map itself. It is a geographically and ecologically incoherent patchwork of federal parcels. Look at the map - it is irrational!

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Did you hear about the Labor Day joke? It doesn't work for me.

If today is Labor Day, how many babies were born?

Happy Labor Day! Oh wait... we live on a farm. Never mind

This Labor Day let's salute American corporations for keeping the Chinese gainfully employed.!

The only dinosaur that didn't do any kind of physical labor was mybackisaur.

#### The Greater Lake Berryessa Region

