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Devil's Slide Trail to Close June 26 – 29 for Invasive Plant Removal

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. –San Mateo County Parks continues to remove non-native, invasive Jubatagrass beginning 8 p.m. Sunday, June 26 and continuing through June 29 with the closure of the trail and parking lots to accommodate high lift equipment needed to reach the plant in the cliffs above the trail.

For safety reasons, there will be no public access to the trail and parking lots during this time. The north and south parking lots will be closed and gated on Sunday, June 26 at 8 p.m. and reopened Thursday, June 30. Any vehicles left in the parking lot at the time of closure will be cited and locked in the parking lots.

Jubatagrass is a tall, feathery plant that can be seen along the San Mateo County coast. Similar in appearance and growth to Pampassgrass, Jubatagrass is more aggressive. Both grasses threaten California's coastal ecosystems by crowding out native species, especially in sensitive coastal areas. Since assuming management of Devil's Slide Trail in 2013, San Mateo County Parks has contracted with habitat restoration specialists to eradicate the plant.

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