

## **Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (BTC)**

### **Update on the Rim Fire damage**

**Berkeley, California (Friday, October 18, 2013)** – After a massive wildfire devastated much of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp in late August, the City has been moving on a number of fronts to respond.

We have been working to protect and stabilize the area to prevent further damage to the forest and the river. The work has required close collaboration with contractors and our insurance adjusters, as well as federal, state and local authorities who each have jurisdiction over the site. To-date, the City's specialized contractor has completed the erosion control work at the site and the testing of the site for hazardous materials. To-date, the City has obtained the authorizations from the U.S. Forest Service, Tuolumne County, and other regulatory agencies and we plan to proceed with the removal and disposal of the fire debris this week.

To-date, Berkeley Tuolumne Camp still remains closed due to the many issues involved.

As a first step in assessing camp rebuilding, the City will begin a complex and lengthy Master Development Plan process with the U.S. Forest Service in the Fall of 2013.

As for a temporary camp option in Summer 2014, the City has identified up to six potential options to consider. To-date, staff has begun to meet with a BTC focus group to get input on family camp opportunities for next summer.

More information about the City's system of parks and facilities is available at <http://cityofberkeley.info/PRW>

Please direct all inquiries about the Berkeley Tuolumne Camp to the following email address: [parks@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:parks@cityofberkeley.info)