



Resolution 04-2023
Adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
At its meeting on March 3, 2023

**Red Rock Canyon State Park
Cultural Preserve Subclassification and Naming
(Last Chance Canyon Cultural Preserve, Black Rock Canyon Cultural
Preserve, and Nightmare Gulch Cultural Preserve)**

WHEREAS, the units of the State Park System are classified by the State Park and Recreation Commission into categories specified in California Public Resource Code Section 5019.50; and

WHEREAS, the classification of “Cultural Preserve” (PRC 5019.74) consists of distinct non-marine areas of outstanding cultural interest established within the boundaries of a state park unit to preserve special features that represent significant places or events in the human experience in California and where complete integrity of the cultural resources shall be sought; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Canyon State Park (“Park”) General Plan proposes the establishment of a 2,170-acre Cultural Preserve (the proposed Last Chance Canyon Cultural Preserve) in the northeast corner of the Park to heighten the protection and interpretation of this distinct area of outstanding cultural interest. This area contains a portion of the Last Chance Canyon Archaeological District, a culturally significant archaeological district listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); other traditional cultural places important to the Kawaiisu and other tribes of this area; and historic mining sites and camps that are part of the Red Rock Canyon Historic Mining District which is potentially eligible for listing on the NRHP or California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR); and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan also proposes the establishment of a 299-acre Cultural Preserve (the proposed Black Rock Canyon Cultural Preserve) between State Route 14 and Black Rock Canyon Road to heighten the protection and interpretation of this distinct area of outstanding cultural interest, which includes a concentration of recorded archaeological sites that covers over half of the preserve’s examined area; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan also proposes the establishment of an 878-acre Cultural Preserve (the proposed Nightmare Gulch Cultural Preserve) in the Nightmare Gulch region of the Park to increase the protection and

interpretation of this distinct area of outstanding cultural interest, which includes the largest single archaeological site in the Park;

WHEREAS these three proposed Cultural Preserves will provide for the recognition and protection of the outstanding cultural resources, ancient heritage, and cultural identity of the resources contained within these sites; and

WHEREAS, the Department will consult and pursue partnerships with the local native California Indian representatives to establish resource management practices and interpretation of native California Indian history, lifeways, and the protection of significant cultural sites and features located within the Cultural Preserves; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Section 5019.74 of the Public Resources Code, and after proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby classifies the above-identified three areas within Red Rock Canyon State Park as Cultural Preserves with the names Last Chance Canyon Cultural Preserve, Black Rock Canyon Cultural Preserve, and Nightmare Gulch Cultural Preserve, and that the size and location of these preserves be as described and delineated in the Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on March 3, 2023, at the Commission's duly noticed public meeting.

By: _____

Date: _____

Jonathan Barros
Secretary of the Commission
For Armando Quintero, Director
California State Parks