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CABAZON: Input sought Sunday on proposed nature park

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A free barbecue and community meeting will be held Sunday in Jensen Canyon to allow residents to talk about creating a nature park in the mountains south of Cabazon.

The Cabazon Water District is applying for grants to pay for day hiking and horseback riding trails, picnic areas, a convenience store and an interpretive center to celebrate the town's Old West heritage.

The park would be intended to serve the recreational needs of the entire community, especially those residents living on the east side of Cabazon.



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The Cabazon Water District is applying for a state grant to build a nature park in Jensen Canyon. A meeting at the area Sunday will include food.

Jensen Canyon is a watershed area of a couple-hundred acres owned by the Cabazon Water District.

Sunday's event is from noon to 5 p.m. Consultants will make a brief presentation about the project and then ask the audience to give their ideas for an east Cabazon community park.

Residents and guests are asked to meet at Elm and Helen streets, and then head south on Elm toward the mountains, following the event signs. All-terrain vehicles will ferry those attending up a dirt road.

"We're looking forward to seeing all our friends and neighbors for a day of good old-fashioned family fun," said R. D. Cash, president of the water district's board. "We hope the community will join us and work on one of the most exciting projects in Cabazon's history."

For information and to RSVP, call 951-849-4442 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. today or Thursday.