

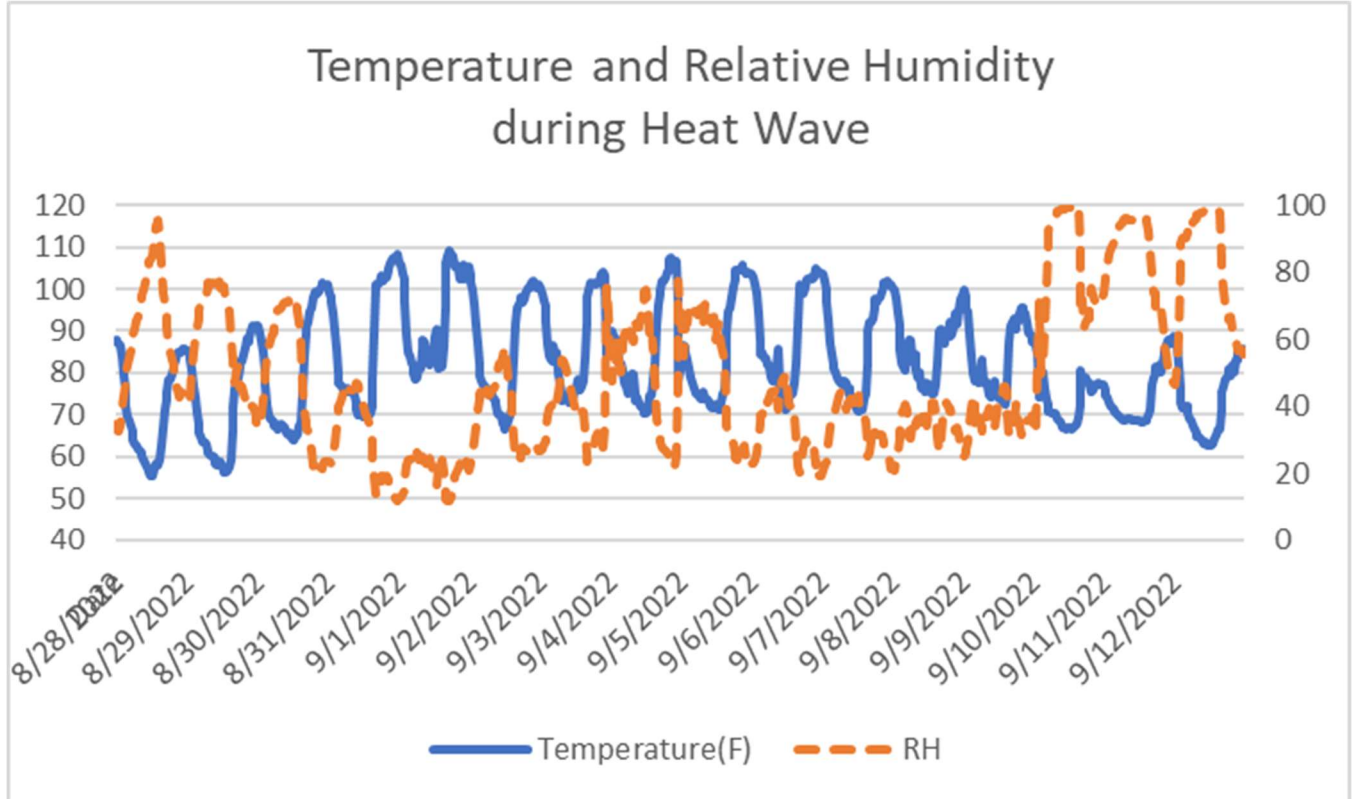
Roads and Trails- The road is still very smooth. It turns out that the maintenance performed in May was arranged by Will Karrat (LAVC) and was completed by “JC Anaya” for a cost of \$3,750. I am working to ensure that we can provide this service at least once annually. Our annual budget contains enough to support this. Our June work party provided some needed maintenance on some trails, including the Red Trail and Green Trail especially. I have not walked the trails since the recent heat wave/rain, but I plan to visit on Tuesday and will report if any conditions warrant a warning.

Buildings/grounds/equipment- A contract has been signed, and work is expected to begin this month related to the fire restoration or construction projects. The initial work will be completing the scoping of tree removal. I do not yet know a timeline for the pavilion, invasive removal, garage repair, etc. Unfortunately, the first “work” performed on-site by Exbon, the general contractor, was to cut off our porta-potty lock and replace it with their own. They did not inform me they were going on-site, and did not inform me that they had removed our lock. Andy Gump, our provider, was not able to service the toilet. I have since replaced the contractor’s lock with a new combination lock that opens with the code “4653”. This is “g-o-l-d” on a phone keypad. Interestingly enough, the contract is required (and has promised to) provide their own restrooms on-site during their contract period.



Gold Creek Usage- Shannon Devaney (et al.?) visited the site with students in August. There are currently no field trips scheduled on our Outlook calendar. Please inform me of your planned field trip dates and I can add them to the calendar if you prefer. We expect to see site usage by the contractor, so it will be important to coordinate access/egress.

Abiota- The big news of course is that Gold Creek also experienced the sweltering heat wave that assaulted much of the Western US. Thirteen days this summer saw daytime highs break the 100F mark, including 10 days in a row from 8/29 to 9/7. The highest recorded temperature during that period was 109F on 8/31. Also during this stretch, the overnight low never fell below 70F from 9/3 to 9/9, although the highest overnight low of 76.4F occurred on 9/1.



To top off a truly incredible period, moisture from Tropical Storm Kay brought nearly 1/3" of rain. Before this stretch, there was essentially no water in the creek aside from small seeps in the upper portion of our property.

Biota- I am unsure how much the rain satiated the antecedent dry conditions. Things were incredibly dry and crispy in late August. I did see a family of mule deer on-site however.

