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Yosemite National Park
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Dear Yosemite Friends:

I am pleased to present the *Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Structures Project Environmental Assessment* (EA) for your review. The purpose of this project is to address the safety risks associated with structures remaining in the rockfall hazard zone at Curry Village. The EA fulfills the requirements under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

A No Action Alternative (keeping the rockfall zone closed to use; no action to treat historic structures) and four action alternatives are evaluated in this EA. We have identified Alternative 1 (remove all structures) as the Preferred Alternative. Under this alternative, we would document the historic structures, salvage the materials for reuse, remove all cabins remaining in the rockfall zone, and allow the area to return to its natural state.

Public scoping for the project occurred from February 22 through April 7, 2010. We considered comments generated during scoping when developing the range of alternatives. The report summarizing scoping comments is posted at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CurryRockfall>. Since this project addresses structures that are contributing elements to the Yosemite Valley Historic District, we will continue to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to develop a Memorandum of Agreement to resolve the adverse effect of this undertaking.

A 30-day public review and comment period begins with release of the EA, and will be announced in the local newspaper, in the Yosemite National Park e-newsletter, and on our website. The document is available for electronic review at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CurryRockfall>.

Please submit comments electronically through the website, or join us at the park's August monthly public open house at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium to discuss the plan with park staff. Hard copies or CDs of the EA may be requested by emailing yose_planning@nps.gov. You may also mail your comments to the above address c/o Superintendent, ATTN: Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Structures Project; or send a facsimile to (209) 379-1294.

The park considers all public comments in making a decision, which will be documented in an anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact. If approved, implementation of the plan would begin immediately.

We appreciate your interest and welcome your continued participation.

Sincerely,

Don L. Neubacher
Superintendent