



Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation

Project Background

The National Park Service plans to improve visitor facilities, reduce congestion, improve visitor safety, meet accessibility standards, remove selected trees to open views, and correct long-standing maintenance issues as described in the *Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment (EA)*. The project will implement actions prescribed in the *Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (2014)*.

The environmental assessment presents a no action alternative (Alternative 1) and two action alternatives. Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative) would provide a new accessible loop trail from the parking lot toward the existing viewing platform and replace the vault toilets at the Bridalveil Fall parking lot with flush toilets. Alternative 2, which was analyzed and not identified as the preferred alternative, would incorporate a new flush toilet at the parking lot and accessible loop trail as well as construct an additional comfort station along Bridalveil Straight and a new pedestrian bridge across Bridalveil Creek at the base of the fall.

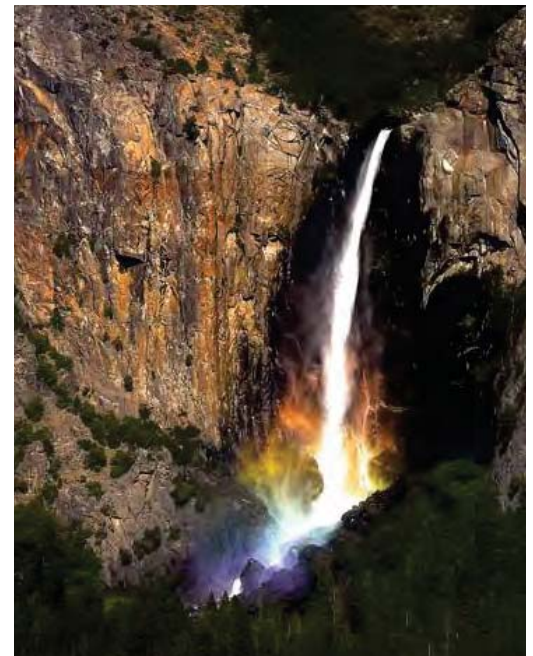
Participation

Your ideas, concerns, issues, suggestions are important to us. Please share your written comments by **March 14, 2018** via one of the following methods:

- Online through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bridalveil>. This is the preferred method.

- Mail your comments to:

Superintendent
Yosemite National Park
Attn: Bridalveil Rehabilitation Project
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389



Issues and Concerns Visitors to the Bridalveil Fall area frequently comment on the poorly-functioning vault toilets as well as the crowded parking area and trails. Most trails do not meet current accessibility standards.

The Bridalveil Fall Area Rehabilitation Project will:

- Improve visitor services at the base of the waterfall, including restroom facilities
- Improve accessibility for all
- Protect natural and cultural resources in the area
- Reduce crowding on the trails and the viewing platform
- Improve safety and reduce vehicular/pedestrian conflicts
- Improve interpretation and wayfinding



What are the Next Steps?

The public comment period is open from February 12 through March 14, 2018. Yosemite will host a public meeting for the Bridalveil Fall project on February 28 from 3pm to 6pm in the Mariposa County Government Center and a webinar on March 1, 2018 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. You may access the webinar at <https://yose.webex.com/>

The planning team will review comments after the public comment period closes and draft a decision document. The final decision document is expected in summer 2018.

Project Schedule (estimate):

Public Review of Environmental Assessment –
February 12 – March 14, 2018

Decision Document – Spring/Summer 2018

Project Construction Start – Summer 2018

