



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Great Basin National Park
Baker, Nevada 89311-9701

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March 3, 2011

Dear Interested Parties:

Great Basin National Park is currently seeking issues and comments for a proposed Bark Beetle and Hazard Tree Management Plan. Your issues and comments will assist in conducting an environmental analysis consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The goals of the Plan would be to:

- Protect park visitors, employees, and facilities from safety risks created by beetle-killed trees
- Protect high-value trees in developed areas of the park
- Reduce fire risk by removing beetle-infested and beetle-killed trees ancillary to ongoing Wildland Urban Interface hazard fuels management
- Allow natural forest processes, including fluctuations in native bark beetle populations, to occur unhindered in natural zones in the park.

Information is also available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/barkbeetle>. This website provides access to documents and links pertaining to the project. Comments may be submitted through the PEPC website.

Mailed comments will also be accepted. Please submit comments no later than March 18, 2011, to Attn: Planning, 100 Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV, 89311.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Ferguson
Superintendent