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March 30, 2011

Dear Interested Party:

You are invited to participate in an important planning process for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We are resuming our Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (WSP/EIS) this spring and beginning our public scoping process. Wilderness is an important resource, with more than 808,000 acres of designated wilderness within these two parks, including the Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness and John Krebs Wilderness. Including our proposed and potential wilderness additions, we manage more than 96% of our total acreage as wilderness.

We are very interested in your concerns and issues related to wilderness management and preservation at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We will be initiating our first public comment period, also called "scoping" for the plan on April 11, 2011. A "Notice of Intent" (NOI) to prepare the WSP/EIS is expected to be published in the Federal Register in April. The public scoping period will end 90 days after the NOI is published.

We have several meetings scheduled to provide more information on the project (see page 2). If you are unable to attend the meetings, information on the proposed project is available online at the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sekiwild>.

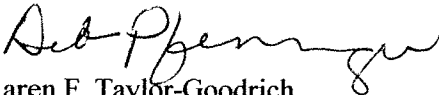
Public comments may be submitted several ways. You may input your comments on the PEPC website (above), or you may direct comments regarding this project to the park by mail, hand delivery, or fax to:

Superintendent
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Attn: Wilderness Stewardship Plan
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA 93271
Fax: 559-565-4202

If you need assistance using our PEPC website, please contact Environmental Protection Specialist Nancy Hendricks at (559) 565-3102 and she will assist you.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Thank you for your interest in the wilderness of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and we hope to see you at one of our public meetings.


for Karen F. Taylor-Goodrich
Superintendent

Wilderness Stewardship Plan Scoping Meetings/Open Houses

Monday, April 25, 2011
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Fresno Pacific University
Marpeck Center, Room 102
1717 South Chestnut Avenue
Fresno, California, 93727

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Inyo National Forest HQ
Conference Room
351 Pacu Lane
Bishop, California, 93514

Tuesday, April 26, 2011
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
East Bay Regional Parks
Richard C. Trudeau
Training Center, Conf. Room 2
11500 Skyline Boulevard
Oakland, California, 94619

Thursday, April 28, 2011
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
L.A. River Center
California Building Atrium
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, California, 90065

Friday, April 29, 2011
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tulare County Office of Education
“The Pit”
2637 West Burrel Avenue
Visalia, California, 93291