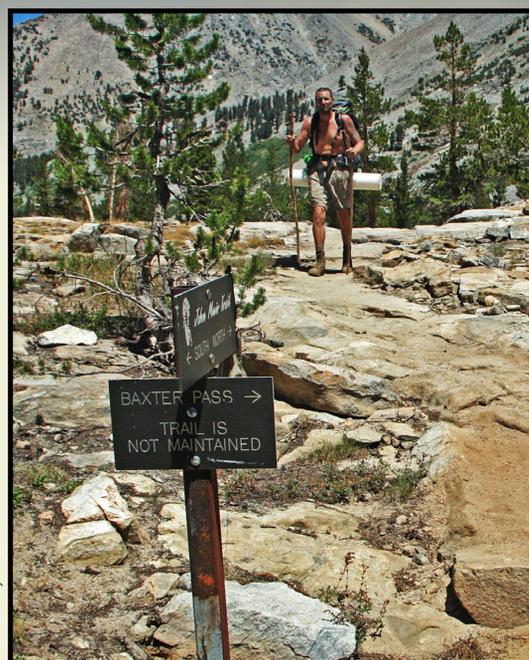




# Purpose and Need for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan

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## Purpose

The purpose of this Wilderness Stewardship Plan is to provide for long-term protection and conservation of wilderness character and resource values reflected in the Wilderness Act. The plan will establish appropriate uses and management and will provide an integrated decision-making framework for the stewardship of wilderness in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

## Need

A Wilderness Stewardship Plan is needed to establish goals and objectives for wilderness management. The plan will include desired future conditions, resource indicators, and standards beyond which management actions will be taken to reduce human impacts to wilderness resources.