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ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES: RANGER STATIONS AND CREW SUPPORT FACILITIES							
<p>Ranger Stations, Staging Areas (e.g. caches), and Administrative Pastures</p> <p>Ranger stations are defined as those structures which have been used for administrative purposes in the past 10 years:</p> <p>McClure Meadow LeConte Canyon Bench Lake (platform and tent) Rae Lakes Charlotte Lake Roaring River Monarch (platform and tent) Pear Lake Tyndall Creek Bearpaw Meadow Crabtree Rock Creek Little Five Lakes (platform and yurt) Kern Canyon (Zone C) Hockett Meadow (Zone C)</p> <p>Patrol Cabins/tent platforms: Simpson Meadow (Zone C) Quinn (Zone C) Redwood Meadow (Zone C) Paradise Valley - ranger cache including a tent platform and storage box (Zone B)</p> <p>Ranger stations may include a tent platform, building, solar system, water system, stock facilities, bulletin boards/trail register, privies/toilet facilities, snow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranger Stations that are approaching or over 50 years old will be evaluated for eligibility on the National Register of Historic Places per National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Ranger Stations that meet eligibility would be managed in accordance with the NHPA. 	<p>Zone A –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. <p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is where most of the regularly staffed ranger stations are located. Stock pastures and facilities such as hitching rails are associated with ranger stations at Kern and Roaring River. <p>Zone C –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 patrol cabins and 2 Ranger Stations are located in this zone. <p>Stock pastures are located at Redwood Meadow, and Hockett Meadow. Facilities</p>	<p>Zone A –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. <p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Five Lakes, Monarch, and Bench Lake would be converted to hard-sided stations. Continue to maintain the existing ranger stations and patrol cabins in their current locations. Existing administrative pastures would be maintained. <p>Zone C –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Ranger Station/ Patrol Cabins would be retained and maintained in current locations. Existing administrative 	<p>Zone A –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. <p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Five Lakes would be converted to hard-sided ranger station. Replace Bearpaw Meadow station with a structure that meets architectural standards for SEKI. Existing administrative pastures would be maintained. <p>Zone C –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. 	<p>Zone A –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. <p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most ranger stations and patrol cabins would be retained with the exceptions below: –Bearpaw Meadow would be converted to a tent platform. –Monarch and Little Five Lakes would be removed. Rangers would use tents and patrol functions would be modified in the areas listed above. All remaining stations would be retained and maintained in their current locations. Existing administrative pastures would be removed. <p>Zone C –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Simpson Patrol Cabin would be mothballed to preserve historic features. 	<p>Zone A –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. <p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most ranger stations and patrol cabins would be retained with the exceptions below: –Bearpaw Meadow, Monarch, and Little Five Lakes, would be removed; no replacement stations would be built. –Charlotte Lake and Roaring River would be converted to soft sided stations (yurt or tent platform). –Tyndall Creek would be mothballed to preserve its historic integrity. All remaining stations would be retained and maintained in their current locations. Existing administrative pastures would be removed. <p>Zone C –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn would be mothballed to preserve its historic integrity, and would continue to be used for winter operations and snow surveys. 	<p>Common to All Zones –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider removal or adaptive reuse of ranger stations within the context of NHPA. Existing administrative pastures would be removed.

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<p>survey equipment, outdoor storage boxes, food storage lockers, and administrative pastures.</p> <p>Ranger stations may be used by other administrative functions, such as for resource stewardship, maintenance, and other purposes.</p>		<p>such as hitching rails are associated with structures at Redwood Meadow, Hockett Meadow, and Quinn,</p>	<p>pastures would be maintained.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remaining ranger stations and patrol cabins would be retained and maintained in their current locations. Existing administrative pastures would be removed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redwood Meadow would be removed; no replacement would be built. Hockett Meadow and Kern Canyon ranger stations and Simpson patrol cabin would be retained and maintained in their current locations. Existing administrative pastures would be removed. 	
<p>Established Crew Camps</p> <p>These camps are used by park crews every year and may contain installations specifically for administrative use (e.g. trail maintenance and resource crews, etc.). Although camps consist of core camping and sleeping areas and (typically) fire pits, the only installations generally used solely by crews are food storage lockers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All established administrative camps and associated facilities would be located to minimize effects on wilderness character. 	<p>Zone A–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No established administrative camps <p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are 15 established camps within Kings Canyon National Park (KICA), located at major junctions or hubs – camps have up to three food storage lockers, a fire pit, and small tool caches. Currently there are 6 established camps within Sequoia National Park (SEQU) – camps have up to three food storage lockers, a fire pit, and small tool cache. 	<p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KICA camps would be increased to 18 each with caches of tools and 1-3 food storage lockers. SEQU camps would be increased to 9, each with caches of tools and 1-3 food storage lockers. 	<p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing camps would be retained, but the number of food storage lockers in each camp would be reduced to one. 	<p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KICA camps would be reduced to 6. SEQU camps would be reduced to 4. The number of food storage lockers at each camp would be reduced to 1. 	<p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All installations solely for crew use would be removed. 	<p>Zone B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All crew camps and associated storage, materials, and fire rings would be removed. Trail crews would conduct trail maintenance and logging through use of mobile operations, moving with stock or backpacks and using minimum impact camping practices; that is, there would be no established camps.
		<p>Zone D –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	<p>Zone D –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	<p>Zone D –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. 	<p>Zone D –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. 	<p>Zone D –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 2. 	

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		Zone C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there are 0 established camps within KICA. • Currently there are 4 established camps within SEQU. Camps have up to three food storage lockers, a fire pit and no caches. 	Zone C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of camps would be increased for KICA to 2. • The number of camps would be increased for SEQU to 6. • Each camp would have a cache of tools and a minimum of 1 food storage locker per camp. 	Zone C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing administrative camps would be maintained, but the number of food storage lockers at each camp would be reduced to 1. 	Zone C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All installations solely for crew use would be removed. 	Zone C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Alt 4. 	Zone C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All installations solely for trail crew use would be removed.
Project-related Crew Camps		Zone D – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No established administrative crew camps. 					
		Zone A – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No project camps. 					
		Zone B –	Individual projects that require significant work and that are far from an established camp involve setting up a project camp with possible core camping area, , fire pit, food storage equipment, stock tie-up area, helicopter landing area, rain fly, wall tent, and individual tent areas. Where possible, these camps are in previously impacted large camps which are returned to pre-project conditions when the crew leaves. When necessary, these camps are in less-disturbed areas, where large-party minimum impact practices are followed and the site restored afterwards (Number of camps depends on project work associated with each alternative).				
		Zone C –					
		Zone D –	Project camps would generally only be established as above to perform restoration work on abandoned trails or in other areas in need of restoration. There could be project camps established if routes are converted to maintained trails.				
Transitory Crew Camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crews would travel and camp with small crews, for short time periods, using minimum impact practices and rehabilitating the camps when work is completed. 						