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OTHER FACILITIES: REDWOOD CANYON, PEAR LAKE, BEARPAW MEADOW HIGH SIERRA CAMP AND FRONTCOUNTRY FACILITIES							
<p>Redwood Canyon (RC) cabin and cache</p> <p>The RC cabin is a structure in wilderness currently used as a cache by a non-governmental organization (NGO) to facilitate research in a nearby cave.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per NPS Management Policies (6.3.6.1): “Park Managers will work with researchers to make NPS wilderness area research a model for use of low-impact, less intrusive techniques. New technology and techniques will be encouraged if they are less intrusive and cause less impact. The goal will be for studies in National Park Service (NPS) wilderness to lead the way in ‘light on the resource’ techniques.” “Devices located in wilderness will be removed when determined to be no longer essential. Permanent equipment caches are prohibited within wilderness. Temporary caches must be evaluated using the minimum requirement concept.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RC cabin and associated infrastructure would remain in place and be operated under a Memorandum of Understanding with the NGO. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RC cabin and privy at Redwood Canyon would be retained for administrative use and would function primarily as a patrol cabin. The existing infrastructure, including but not limited to an electrical system, water system, radio base station, wood shed, and cave phone system would be removed, and the area rehabilitated. Researchers-at-large could request the use of this facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RC cabin would be retained as research support with reduced affiliated infrastructure. Use would include other research organizations and universities by permit only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the RC cabin by researchers would be terminated within 3 years of WSP approval. The cabin would be removed over a 5-year period after WSP approval. Future cave research activities in Redwood Canyon could continue, but without the use of the cabin or associated infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the RC cabin by researchers would be terminated within 1 year of WSP approval. The cabin would be removed over a 3-year period after WSP approval. Future cave research activities in Redwood Canyon could continue, but without the use of the cabin or associated infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the RC cabin by researchers would be terminated within 1 year of WSP approval. The cabin would be removed within 1 year of WSP approval. Future cave research activities in Redwood Canyon could continue, but without the use of the cabin or associated infrastructure
<p>Pear Lake – Winter Operations as a ski hut</p> <p>The California Wilderness Act of 1984 and its accompanying House of Representatives Committee Report 98-40 (1983) provided for the continued winter operation of the Pear Lake Ski Hut, unless this</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional ranger stations would be considered for winter recreational use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pear Lake Ski Hut is currently operated as a winter ski hut by a cooperating association. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter use of the Pear Lake Ski Hut would continue to be operated by a cooperating association. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter use of the Pear Lake Ski Hut would continue to be operated by a cooperating association or as a concession-operated facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter use of the Pear Lake Ski Hut would be converted to a warming hut operated by NPS. NPS would take administrative action for full wilderness designation of the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No winter use of the Pear Lake Ski Hut. The NPS would take administrative action for full wilderness designation of the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 5.

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non-conforming use is deemed to have unacceptable wilderness impacts. The area is categorized as a Designated Potential Wilderness Addition (DPWA) based on the non-conforming use of a commercial enterprise (winter ski hut operation) in wilderness.							
Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The General Management Plan (GMP) called for the consideration of a new commercial high sierra camp on the Hockett Plateau. However, this option has been rejected for consideration due to the 2009 Omnibus Act requiring the area to be managed as wilderness (Public Law 111-11, March 30, 2009, 123 STAT. 991). <p>The Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp has been in operation since 1934.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cultural resource Determination of Eligibility would be necessary to determine if buildings are historic and /or if the area is a cultural landscape. Should the concessioner decline to operate this camp, and/or it is not determined economically feasible, then removal would be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp is operated as a commercial enterprise in a Designated Potential Wilderness Addition (DPWA) per the California Wilderness Act (1984) and its accompanying House of Representatives Committee Report 98-40 (1983). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp would be retained and would continue to be operated as a commercial enterprise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp would be reduced in size and the season of operation would be shortened. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp would no longer be operated as a commercial enterprise. However, if determined to be historic, the historic features would be retained and options for reuse as an administrative facility would be considered. The National Park Service (NPS) would take administrative action for full wilderness designation of the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp would be removed from wilderness, including any historic elements. NPS would take administrative action for full wilderness designation of the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Alt 5.

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<p>Frontcountry Facilities to Support Wilderness Use –</p> <p>The development or modification of any frontcountry facilities that may support commercial uses would be addressed after completion of an Extent Necessary Determination.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of frontcountry facilities to support wilderness use would be considered, including but not limited to developing or converting frontcountry campsites to support backpackers and/or stock users, developing or modifying trailhead permit stations, modifying or increasing parking facilities, and reestablishing or constructing corrals in selected areas for public or administrative uses. 						