

Wilderness Stewardship Plan: How to Submit Comments

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Everyone has a different perspective and can make a unique contribution to management of the wilderness in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Your comments on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan / Draft Environmental Impact Statement (WSP/DEIS) are critical to the success of this planning effort.

Commenting on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan / Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The most useful comments (referred to as “substantive comments”) are as specific as possible, relate directly to the proposals or information in the document, and provide supporting rationale. Comments are most valuable if they do one or more of the following:

- Discuss a particular element or alternative in the document.
- Identify incomplete or incorrect information.
- Offer reasons why a particular alternative or plan element would or would not work.
- Offer a reasonable, new plan element or completely new alternative that could accomplish the stated goals.
- Point out discrepancies between legal mandates and proposals.
- Highlight deficiencies in the analysis of environmental consequences. If you think impacts on a certain resource would be greater than that described in the WSP/DEIS, back up your statement with an explanation and facts.
- Provide information on how you use the park and how particular proposals in the planning document would affect that use.
- Provide a comment rather than a vote. When stating a preference for one alternative over another, give a reason why. Use facts to back up your statement.

Park staff will review all written comments submitted to determine whether changes or revisions of the alternatives are necessary, if the analysis needs supplemental information or clarification, or if factual corrections are needed. An appendix to the final WSP/EIS will contain summaries of and responses to the substantive comments.

Where to Review the WSP/DEIS and Submit Comments

The National Park Service uses a web-based system, called the *Planning, Environment, and Public Comment* (PEPC) system, to give people access to current plans and related documents that are open for review and comment. Go to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sekiwild> to find the WSP/DEIS and other documents and maps that will be helpful in your review. We encourage you to use this system to submit your written comments on the plan. Comments will also be accepted by mail or hand delivery, or by fax to:

Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Attn: WSP/DEIS
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA 93271
Fax: 559-565-4202

Comments must be submitted electronically, faxed, or postmarked by August 25, 2014.

Note: Comments in any format (written or electronic) submitted by an individual or organization on behalf of another individual or organization will not be accepted. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. It is the practice of the National Park Service to make all comments available for public review after the close of the EIS process. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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.