



Olympic National Park

Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River - Environmental Assessment

Public Correspondence Report

July 2014

Introduction

Olympic National Park held a 16-day public comment period from May 21, 2014-June 5, 2014 to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed action of moving the Enchanted Valley Chalet 50-100' from the bank of the East Fork Quinault River as described in the "Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River/Environmental Assessment (EA)."

A total of 182 pieces of correspondence were received via the planning website (www.parkplanning.nps.gov/EVCEA), email, or formal letter. Correspondence was received from people in at least 65 cities or communities in Washington State and at least 10 states. We also heard from federal agencies, tribal members and representatives, city and county representatives, and non-governmental organizations.

This document includes the full text of all comments (correspondences) received during the public scoping period for the EA. All comments are verbatim; grammatical and typographical errors have not been modified. The names and addresses of private individuals have been removed except where the individual included their name or other identifying information within the body of their comment.

These comments reflect the sentiments of the authors, and do not necessarily represent the sentiments of the entire public and may not accurately reflect actual existing conditions on the ground or in park management. The public comment process does not serve as a voting mechanism. The park considers the content of all comments equally; comments are not weighted based on the number of times a comment is received; nor are they weighted based on proximity to the park, or by individual, organization, or agency.

Correspondence ID: 1 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: THANKS! I know its a small thing, this little building in the Valley. But to hikers of the Olympics, it's a little piece of our history; generations have gone into the Valley and visited the chalet. Also, it's incredibly encouraging to know the park is taking feedback, and doing it's best to act on the feedback received. I think this is a great idea. Thanks again.

Best regards,
Shawn

Correspondence ID: 2 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am delighted to hear this work will be done. It would be a real shame to lose this historical structure.

Correspondence ID: 3 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 18:22:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I was in EV last summer. The chalet ' presence adds to the experience by reminding me that this now pristine wilderness was once more developed and has a history. While it would seem acceptable to clear away human ' impact, thus would be an error. Letting the chalet fall into the river would cause a bigger environmental hazard. NOS is charged with being stewards and that means taking care of messes it has inherited. The chalet must be relocated to preserve the message that we are responsible for what we put on the land. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 18:31:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I find it very sad that the National Park can not figure out a way to move this landmark building in a time of crisis. There are movers who are ready to help, yet the park says no. Quit being so stuffy and just get the job done. Move it away from the river and then have meetings about the future of the cabin. You are doing more damage to the park by doing nothing because people are getting very frustrated including myself. The park has lost it's spirit and Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

common sense.
Sincerely,
Evan and Marlene Bradow

Correspondence ID: 5 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 20:34:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It would be a sad waste of history to allow the Chalet to end up washed down river. The chalet serves the public and is a great back country ranger headquarters . It would be shortsighted to just do nothing. No brained here. save the chalet. Monte Dodge

Correspondence ID: 6 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 22:10:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,
I am 100% i favor of doing whatever it takes to save the Enchanted Valley Chalet from being destroyed. I place a high value on the historical importance of this, and other man made structures, even when located inside of Wilderness or National Parks. There are very few structures of this kind left anywhere. Please save this one for my kids to visit someday.

Sincerely,
Alexei Evans

Correspondence ID: 7 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 22:40:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support this EA because the outcomes clearly outweigh the adverse effects. The preservation of this historic structure, which clearly predates the Wilderness Act, is and should be important to all of us. While I commend the ONP staff for their analysis, I feel that if anything, the adverse impacts have been overstated, and the positive effects have been understated.

In summary, please take these steps to temporarily save the Chalet

Correspondence ID: 8 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,21,2014 23:24:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having visited the chalet in the past I would rather not see it go into the river. So far as it possibly going into the river if nothing is done, it would certainly create an unsightly mess for some time to come down river. I have no problem with the use of motorized equipment including a helicopter.

Correspondence ID: 9 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 07:57:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Yes. Do it. You will never get a better deal from a more experienced and competent man than Jeff Monroe. His team are all equally experienced and have the brains and braun to get the job done. This is a deal you should not refuse. Film it and make it an advertisement for your stewardship. Do not miss this opportunity to do something COOL.

Correspondence ID: 10 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 08:57:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am very much in favor of saving the Enchanted Valley Chalet. This is an important part of NW history that my kids and grand-kids need to be aware of and experience too.

The Chalet is a destination for many people, both on foot and on horseback. I feel we need to get people off their rears and into the woods so that they too learn to love our wild places and want to protect our public lands. The NPS should do what ever is necessary to encourage that too, not limit accessible areas and historical treasures.

In addition, this place is a tourist draw for the financially depressed Olympic peninsula. It is far enough away from the Seattle crowds that when they come they spend nights in our hotels, buy fuel and eat in our restaurants.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Lori Lennox

Correspondence ID: 11 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 10:20:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please preserve the Chalet!! I believe it would be very damaging to the river to let go.

Correspondence ID: 12 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 10:32:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It sounds like it needs to be moved in order to save it, and protect the river.

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Correspondence ID: 13 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 10:44:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do all you can to save this historic structure 13 miles from any road in a unique wilderness area. It is a refuge in a storm for hikers far from any amenities. thank-you for your consideration.

Robbie Metzger
Port Townsend,wa

Correspondence ID: 14 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 11:00:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please relocate this historical piece of history. It would be such a shame to have it fall into the river. My husband grew up in this area, and has been to the chalet several times. One time he and his friends decided they wanted to be the first ones to hike into the park. Well, the snow was so deep, and they almost didn't find it, they followed a bear's tracks, which took them to the chalet. Anyways, it probably saved their lives, and I wonder how many other lives this chalet has saved. Such a valuable piece of history should be saved. Please consider the future generations, and what seeing this living piece of history will mean to them. Relocate it, and see how that works, then maybe there will be more time to consider how the new location is working, or if something else needs to be done. Thank you~

Correspondence ID: 15 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 11:02:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Saving the Chalet is a brilliant move and one to be lauded. If the building is allowed to simply be destroyed by erosion not only would the Olympic National Park lose a historic structure, but the Quinault River itself would suffer untold damage from the resulting waste. It would certainly help if forces could be marshalled to privately fund this venture, if only in part. I am not of the area, but I know how to post in places, FB, Twitter. Maybe the parties involved can look for some sort of kickstarter like campaign to provide funding. Maybe selling t-shirts or others articles could help defray the cost.

Just thoughts and a humble THANKS! to all concerned. I'm itching to get back up to your beautiful neck of the woods to see the outcome.

Will Spence

Oh yes - I found out about this first from Douglas Scott at exotichikes.com and then the NPS.

Correspondence ID: 16 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 11:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not let that building fall into the river. Think of the silt and debris that will foul the water. If it is not possible to shore it up then move it away. It is a wonderful historic site and I would like to see it preserved for my grandchildren and their grandchildren.

Thank you for taking care of our historic sites in the Wilderness.

Sally Laib

Correspondence ID: 17 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 11:50:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am opposed to the park spending money to move the Enchanted Valley Chalet. As an avid hiker in the Olympic National Park with the Klahhane Club, I am well aware of the (1) financial constraints of the National Park System and (2) bridges, roads and trails that require maintenance if not rebuilding. It is my hope that the Park has criteria to evaluate and prioritize the competing needs of operating the national treasure of ONP. (I know you are in the process of upgrading that comprehensive plan.) Such criteria and perspective would eliminate being influenced by a media campaign of nostalgia for an historic building that could require expenses and activity exceeding its utility and attraction to the public. I hope the park provides the leadership to preserve wilderness instead of succumbing to the laments for a dilapidated building. Susan Erzen

Correspondence ID: 18 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 12:07:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel the Enviromental impacts of saving this structure are far less than letting this structure enter the river. It will also be able to continue to serve as a great historical structure to future hikers.

Correspondence ID: 19 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 12:08:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support temporarily moving the chalet as planned.

Correspondence ID: 20 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 12:17:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While the public may not think this is a worthy project, if they knew how quickly important, historical buildings are being dismantled they would want you to do whatever was possible to save this beautiful old building.

And now I understand that Jeff Monroe, the man who moved our 1892 Victorian off of "her" foundation, out to the street while a new foundation was built, and then returned her I can't imagine why you wouldn't accept his generous offer to help.

I hope that you will let the public know that he has offered his services with a minimal expense and even less fanfare.

Please save this building - hikers love it and if you are willing to maintain the lovely old cabin on the Dungeness River hikes, why not do this one as well. As a hiker, there is nothing like having your rest on the porch of history.

Correspondence ID: 21 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 13:34:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Enchanted Valley Chalet Needs to be moved. It is a historical site, It serves many purposes to this day, And it is a prime example of what wilderness structures looked like when ONP was formed. To me, Losing this structure would be like losing Hurricane Ridge, Or Deer Park. There are not a lot of structures left in the wilderness areas of the peninsula, And I think it is very important to keep some of them so that future generations can see what the early days (And days previous to) the formation of Olympic National Park were like. SAVE THE CHALET!

Correspondence ID: 22 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 14:40:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: <http://www.olympicparkassociates.org/PDF/opa-news-v13n1.pdf>

This problem was identified a decade ago. Please explain the measures taken to stabilize the chalet by each superintendent in the last decade. Please identify how much the preferred alternative for stabilization would have cost a decade ago compared to current costs to stabilize the chalet. If no substantive stabilization methods were attempted in the last decade, please explain why no action was taken.

Correspondence ID: 23 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 14:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The North Olympic Timber Action Committee supports the relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet and place it where it will be safe from the rivers erosion. This relocation is long overdue and we urge you to take prompt action before the historic structure is lost. It makes sense to use whatever mechanical means to accomplish relocation.

Sincerely,

Carol Johnson
Executive Director

Correspondence ID: 24 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 15:14:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Enchanted Valley chalet is an important part of the history of the Olympic Peninsula and Olympic National Park. It would be a shame for the Park to do nothing to save this structure. Your inaction is long overdue. Move in the equipment and save the chalet so it can be relocated permanently in a safe area away from the river.

Carol Johnson
Long time resident

Correspondence ID: 25 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 15:17:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I enthusiastically support the relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet for protection as a historical structure that needs to be preserved. I will look forward to visiting this structure after it has been relocated.

Karen Johnson,
Director

Capitol Riders Chapter BCHW

Correspondence ID: 26 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 16:16:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: YES

Relocate and revisit the issue until resolved completely!

Placing this site on the National Registry in 2007 and then letting it fall into the abyss isn't appropriate action.

Correspondence ID: 27 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 16:29:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Move it. We need to preserve more!

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Correspondence ID: 28 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 18:00:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I approve of the plan to relocate the chalet, rather than allow the river to demolish it.

Correspondence ID: 29 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 19:02:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been to the Enchanted Valley Chalet and believe it is one of the coolest places in Olympic National Park. It is worth saving for others to enjoy. I first visited in the mid 1970's and would like it to be there so I could see it again. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 30 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 20:18:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My wife and I would like to see the Chalet saved and moved. Just on the significance of the building being a historic building in an absolutely beautiful area, it should warrant it's moving and protection. Adding in the environmental damage that a two story building will have on one of our few Temperate rain forest rivers is probably even more reason to move the Chalet to safer ground.

Thank you for considering our opinions,
William and Janis Carpenter

Correspondence ID: 31 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 20:42:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Letting the river destroy the Enchanted Valley chalet would be harmful to the environment as well as counterproductive to the Parks duty in preserving historical structures. The Chalet is, and should always be, a wonderful part of the natural environment in the valley.

Correspondence ID: 32 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 21:24:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the historical, recreational, and esthetic nature of the Chalet warrants a plan that will save it. People from all over the world come to the Quinault Valley, in part to see the Chalet. Yes, moving it will be an expense, but the think it is well worth the time, money and effort. As a secondary benefit, I believe it might be a sign of good will to the community and perhaps quell some of the Stop Wild Olympics rhetoric .

Thank you for this opportunity to comment

Correspondence ID: 33 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 21:26:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have visited this site many times, 4 times in past 6 years and I have witnessed the migration of the river, after consulting many friends and professionals (civil engineers included) I concluded this could have been prevented by labor and some minor materials being brought in, (using existing rocks and wire forms to "encourage" the river to take a wider patch. However now that we are at a critical stage, I fully support moving the historic building, I just wonder why it needs to be temporary.
Decisions made today will not satisfying everyone, never have, but doing too much research in an attempt to make everyone happy will likely finally end with no one happy.
Someone with compassion and understanding make a decision and stand behind it! Now get going.

Correspondence ID: 34 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,22,2014 22:03:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Quinault River is a national treasure. I've been hiking along its banks for 50 years. I'm glad to see the Park Service moving quickly to protect it and, incidentally, the enchanted Valley Chalet.

Correspondence ID: 35 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,23,2014 07:36:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
To Whoam it may concern:
I beleive that this project should go forth and continue to what it takes to preserve the Chalet. This is a very beautiful and Historical place.

When time comes to move the Chalet I would like to be involved in the process.

Thank You
Tony Karniss
President LCC BCHW

Correspondence ID: 36 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,23,2014 08:26:13

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Correspondence: I am in agreement with the plan as outlined. If we can be of use please let us know. I expect the expense for this is pretty high and I personally would be glad to donate money for this project. JoAnn Yost Grays Harbor BCHW

Correspondence ID: 37 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,23,2014 08:37:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In the summer my parents would take us up to graves creek camp ground and they would say pick you up in a next week. My friends and I would spend two weeks a summer up the valley we met people from all around the world we would share story's and food sometimes! The cabin was open then with a ranger staying there we would sleep in the attic (bears would usually only go in the main room down stairs) I took my kids up the valley so they could experience the serenity of the Enchanted Valley and since have taken my grand kids to do the same. I would like to see the cabin restored to it's once Glory and have a manned ranger station so more generations could enjoy this grand spot that has brought my family peace and serenity over the years.

Correspondence ID: 38 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,23,2014 09:29:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To the elected officials that work for 'WE THE PEOPLE',

As, a tax payer I want the The Enchanted Valley Chalet in the Elwha valley to be moved back away from the river , ASP !! The Park says it dose not have the money to SAVE the Chalet , but, when the Chalet falls in to the river , THEN THE PARK WILL FIND THE MONEY to cleaner up the debris down river and then look at the cost of that clean up to US TAX PAYERS??

The Chalet, was in that spot a long time (BEFORE THE PARK WAS EVER CREATED) , so the Chalet has Grandfather RIGHTS being in that spot!!!! I have heard that area has been made a wilderness area, and you need to look up the definition of WILDERNESS ,in part of the definition it says (no man made stretchers) and needless to say the Chalet was there FIRST !!!! Lets save some of our MONEY rather then throughing it way DOWN STREAM..AND CLOSING "we the people"OUT OF OUR PROPERTY!!!

Ross Krumpe
2042 Blue Mountain rd.
Port Angeles wash.98362

Correspondence ID: 39 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,23,2014 11:24:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save this historic building. We are frequent visitors to the Olympics as it is our favorite place to backpack. I want to be able to share the history of places like this with my son. Save the chalet!

Correspondence ID: 40 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,23,2014 11:54:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: First, I would like to thank the Park Service for their efforts to save the Chalet and allowing for public comment. It is an important part of the local and Parks heritage. I do have a question however. When a river changes course and washes a road out, boulders are placed in a strategic manner, saving the roadway as it did downstream some years back. Why can't(1 man sized)rock or boulders be brought in by helicopter, staged in the immediate area where volunteers could place the rock. Typar or an environmentally friendly material, lining the bank behind the rock would stop the shifting river channel. Rock could be placed further upstream to divert the river back to it's native path. Assuming that reclaiming the riverbank is the ultimate goal, once the river is diverted back where it once was, the foundation on the structure could be repaired or replaced, saving funds and all or most of the work could be done by volunteers without environmentally unfriendly material and putting undo pressure or destroying parts of the trail and landscape. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 41 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,23,2014 12:39:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support both the temporary relocation and the future permanent preservation of this part of Olympic National Park's history.

Correspondence ID: 42 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,23,2014 14:13:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

Don't you DARE spend any money on moving that damn old building until you figure out a way to fund the opening of the La Poel picnic area in 2014. La Poel is the premier lake-side recreation area on the south shore of Lake Crescent and it was not ungated ONCE in 2013. It cannot cost that much to have a ranger drive through twice a day to unlock/lock the gate. Keep the bathroom locked if you must but unlock the gate in 2014. If I had a vote, I would fire the ONP superintendent for incompetence or mis-management of funds at the very least.

If you need volunteers to help keep the place clean, give me a shout!

Regards,
Bob Eads
Port Angeles, WA
rreads@rocketmail.com

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Correspondence ID: 43 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To preserve an historical building and special place like that, having some helicopter and crew work in the park doesn't seem like too much of an imposition or impact at all! There's all kinds of bridge and trail work needed in the park to keep access up - - but I think it is a fair budget priority to save the Chalet, if it is gone, it is gone and can't be gotten back. Also, the Chalet washing into the river course must be its own impact, worth avoiding if for nothing else avoiding visual disruption of building materials downstream.

I haven't been there in 15 years, but I look forward to visiting the valley, and the Chalet, again in the future!

Correspondence ID: 44 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 08:36:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband and I have a fond place in our hearts for the Enchanted Valley Chalet because we lived there during the summer of 1972 when he was the Back Country Ranger. Nevertheless, we believe that attempting to move it is a waste of public resources that could be better spent on park improvements that benefit more people (such as overall trail maintenance). 42 years ago, when the chalet was only 40 years old, we could hear the carpenter ants chewing in the log walls at night. It is hard to believe that after 40 more years of chewing, the logs are structurally sound enough to survive a move. Even if it does, why spend so much money to preserve something that only a fraction of the park visitors will be able to see? It is time for people to recognize that nothing lasts forever, salvage a few pieces for the museum, and dismantle or burn the structure.

Correspondence ID: 45 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 09:54:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dismantling the Chalet is a terrible idea. The West Coast has few enough "historic" structures as it is.

Correspondence ID: 46 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 10:24:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was raised in Port Angeles on the Olympic Peninsula and spent much of my youth in the Olympic National Park. I've hiked most of its hundreds of miles of trails, skied and climbed its mountains, swam and skied its lakes, fished in its rivers, and hiked its beaches. The Enchanted Valley Chalet is one of the most priceless structures in the Park. I have camped in many of the Park's original shelters and cabins, the majority of which are now gone through fire, non-maintenance, or vandalism. It would be a crime to lose one more; especially one of such grandure and significance. Please do not let this happen. I fully support saving this structure. Move it to a safe location, but DO NOT even consider destroying it.

Sincerely, Jeff L Selby

Correspondence ID: 47 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 11:00:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Loved enchanted Valley so much! Please save this chalet!!! It is the best and unique spots on all of the Olympics!!

Correspondence ID: 48 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 11:12:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There has to be a place this building can be relocated to. Getting rid of historical artifacts is a crime and this particular one is still useful. There has to be a place somewhere in those hills for it to be moved to. I live in a relocated family homestead and love the history involved. Please save another piece of history for our future americans to love. Preserve our history at all costs.

Correspondence ID: 49 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 12:21:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been aware of the problem of the Enchanted Valley Chalet and the encroaching river for quite a few months. My mother, Anne Moisanen was a member of the Olympians Hiking Club, and was one of the organizers of the rebuilding of the chalet many years ago. Several of the Olympians, as well as other hiking enthusiasts, have kept me informed of the situation.

I believe that a person has come forward with a plan to move the chalet. I am certainly in favor of that happening, both for the saving of the chalet, and for the ecological impact of preventing the chalet from damaging the river. I have read the plan in this document and other letters pertaining to the moving plan. I hope that the necessary permission will be granted before the chalet falls apart in the river.

The Enchanted Valley is a beautiful area that thousands (maybe millions) of hikers and horse packers have enjoyed for nearly a century. We have all looked forward to glimpsing the chalet across the meadow as we near the end of a day's backpack.

Correspondence ID: 50 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 14:08:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The chalet is a huge attraction; an historical landmark, a sound, useable structure for which many trees were and many hours of labor were expended in constructing it. It is the center piece of Enchanted Valley and unique to the Olympic National Park. Dismantling it would be an obliteration of history, resources and identity.

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Enchanted Valley is extra enchanting due to the chalet.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Summer Martell

Correspondence ID: 51 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 14:18:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My husband Ben and I support the moving of the Enchanted Valley Chalet to safety from the encroaching river, but do NOT support the dismantling of the building. It has been very useful in the back country for decades, and should be "grandfathered" in, no matter what the eco freaks think. Our Park should be our park! Those of us who have lived on the Olympic Peninsula for generations should have more "say" than anyone else!!!

Correspondence ID: 52 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 15:49:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the enchanted valley chalet! It is a beautiful, enchanting building and it deserves to be saved so that others may enjoy it as much as I do!

Correspondence ID: 53 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 16:15:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I enjoy to much being able to use our parks and places of interest like this bld PLEASE don't plan on taking it apart. There are so many uses for this bldg and I enjoy finding places like this to explore. NO do not destroy something that has so much use and enjoyment for others. thank you, Marion

Correspondence ID: 54 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 18:09:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I only wish I were more articulate. But I could simply cry at the loss of this piece our history here in the Olympics. This is such a special place; magical even. Please do try hard and save this Chalet in Enchanted Valley. (so well named!!) Very sincerely, Judith

Correspondence ID: 55 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,24,2014 22:28:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support saving the historic EV Chalet by relocating it away from the river by any means necessary.

Correspondence ID: 56 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,25,2014 09:40:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The preservation of historic structure is crucial to knowing who we are as a nation and a community. My own community has suffers from this kind of destruction over and over. Each time local governments do not recognize these properties and developers run over them in favor of new contracts, we lose another little piece of our souls.
Enchanted Valley is a special little piece of heaven in the Olympics. For those who have ventured there, there is nothing like it. Please do everything you can to save this little place, its value is so incredibly much more than any new building that could be in its place.

Correspondence ID: 57 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,25,2014 10:45:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My husband and I are avid hikers and decided of all the beautiful places we could go, nothing could top a trip to the Enchanted Valley, so that's where we spent our honeymoon!!! The chalet is a great piece of history, an emergency shelter for backpackers far from help. To lose the chalet would be like losing the Ahwanee hotel in Yosemite, the Old Faithful lodge in Yellowstone, or the Paradise Inn on Mt Rainier. Would the parks system allow any of them to meet such a neglected fate?!?! It is a piece of the landscape and every effort should be made to save it as quickly as possible. TO wait until you have the "perfect plan" is going to cause it to tumble into the river and be lost forever. I am sure people like myself would gladly hike up to the valley and help however we could if voluntary manpower could help. As outdoor lovers, we have seen so many of our resources cut off from use due to road closures, trail closures , and more and more limited access. We have plans to take our 4 grandkids on a trip to the valley soon and it would be such a shame to have to point to the old lumber broken and lost in the river bed and say that's where we spent our happiest time on earth....

Correspondence ID: 58 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,25,2014 12:37:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: By all means, move the building out of danger. But please keep it close to the original site, and maintain it in usable condition for the trail users in the park. It's both a convenience in foul weather and a charming part of the region's history.

Correspondence ID: 59 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,25,2014 14:48:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Enchanted Valley Chalet is a very special place to myself as well as many others. It's a place of beauty,serenity & peace, not to

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mention shelter from the elements.

I understand the need to move it, but please don't dismantle a piece of history that has been (still is) used and enjoyed by many. I feel in my heart, you will do what's right. Thanks for giving us a chance to voice our opinions.

Correspondence ID: 60 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,25,2014 22:02:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save this magnificent and historical structure immediately and for the long term rather than the short term. This is "our history" and saving it is patriotic.

Correspondence ID: 61 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,25,2014 22:06:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save this historical structure by moving it to the safest place. Protect embankment if necessary. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 62 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 08:45:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please act fast because there could be big rainfall and destruction sooner than later. I am one that has donated to the olympic National Park and one that understands what man has done both good and bad to its beauty. I am for one that moving it into the horse pasture 1/4 up the trail. I would sincerely appreciate having people donate to a special fund just like red cross does for emergency, and the special fund be used strictly for Enchanted Valley Chalet. thank you from Dave Kendall

Correspondence ID: 63 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good morning,

Admittedly Enchanted Valley is beautiful beyond belief with or without a structure in it BUT the chalet is a part of the Valley's history, interaction with early residents of Puget Sound and a part of the many stories around the Park as a whole. From these inter related pieces one can gain an understanding of how we arrived at our present setting. From the first time you see this building in it's amazing setting you can see why it was built where it was and get a better feel for the particular story behind it. That view is now certainly earned and limited to those willing to make the trek from any direction. I'd recommend the South! as coming over Anderson Pass is a hump.

I am all for the relocation and preservation of the structure if possible. It would certainly seem cost effective if efforts were made - be it vanes, bulkheads, etc. - to help channel or positively influence the course of the Quinault if it does what Rivers do in the future and once again threatens the building. If you're going to spend the money, spend it well so it doesn't have to be spent again in the future.

As always I appreciate the opportunity to comment, your time and consideration of what I hope is a lot of input, and wish you well with your decision.

Correspondence ID: 64 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 13:30:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the chalet!

Correspondence ID: 65 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 15:33:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thanks for the detailed article about the Quinault Chalet. Having camped and staying at the Lodge, this area holds many wonderful memories. I believe the situation has been well studied and fully support moving the Chalet to save this historic building.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the issue.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Harris

Correspondence ID: 66 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I will never forget the first time I saw the chalet in Enchanted Valley. It was an amazing magical experience, one hopefully someday I will be able to share with my daughter. Please, please save it!!!!

Correspondence ID: 67 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 18:26:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of relocating the building using the methods described and conducting further study. What I oppose are groups and thoughts that imply that buildings are incompatible with a national park or wilderness designation. People are part of the land and so are they habitations, Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

be they temporary or permanent structure. The mission should not be to eliminate people from the backcountry, but to manage them. This would also be a good time to install a self composting toilet, one of the best people management projects for a popular park.

Correspondence ID: 68 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 20:42:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My only concern with moving the chalet is that it is temporary and we all know how temporary projects end up. This is going to likely be a long-term placement because a permanent solution is going to be so costly or difficult.

When this story was first in the news there was a guy who runs a house moving business in Port Angeles I believe that was trying to stir up a lot of hype, and from reading this document I'm assuming he is the one who provided a lot of the information about how the project would work and how long it would take. He also threw out some cost figures in the local papers that were around \$20-40,000 which if the NPS has not done any further investigating I would say is a pretty unlikely budget to be met. It costs more than that to move a smaller building in a easily accessible neighborhood.

If the NPS is going to do this, at least use someone reputable rather than the guy creating the most hype and clearly lying about feasibility and cost.

Correspondence ID: 69 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 21:25:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose any plan that destroys this historic landmark as well as the safety this structure provides to visitors in case of emergency. I am completely for any plan that proposes to save this structure in its entirety as well as maintain close to the same location in the enchanted valley as long as redirecting the river is not one of the options undertaken. This landmark would be a tremendous loss both historically as well as functionally to Olympic National park and should be maintained in the valley where it is located and moved out of harms way from the river itself. I also believe the moving of this structure should not be move it and preclude usage for safety like it is currently set up. The structure should be moved if even temporarily but also have usage for cases of shelter and emergency maintained and not be boarded up and left unmaintained.

Correspondence ID: 70 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,27,2014 17:06:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is important to me to see the Enchanted Valley Chalet moved to a safe location. I am an avid outdoorsmen and native to the peninsula. Visiting the Enchanted Valley and Chalet are on my bucket list.

Correspondence ID: 71 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,27,2014 22:51:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the plan to relocate the Chalet. I hope the secondary process will result in a way to preserve the structure. It does not detract from the beauty of this much-loved and well-travelled location. On the contrary, it is quite wonderfully crafted, serves important functions, and being constructed of local materials it doesn't degrade the environment in any way.

Correspondence ID: 72 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,27,2014 23:04:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to express my support for saving the Enchanted Valley Chalet. I visited for the first time with my family over the Memorial Day weekend. I believe the Chalet should be saved because of it's historic significance, and in my opinion it just fits in in the setting and actually enhances the beauty of the valley. The Chalet could also be very useful as a ranger station and as a shelter for injured hikers or hikers stranded by bad weather.

I would hope that the Park would act decisively to save the Chalet if a reasonable plan of action is available. I realize that there are conflicting responsibilities that the service needs to consider, but there is very little time to act if the Chalet is to be saved. I may be wrong on the next point, but the environment of the Enchanted Valley seems to be one that could easily recover from the disruptions of construction activity, given the rainfall and favorability for vegetation growth.

Thanks for providing an opportunity to express my opinion on this issue,
Sincerely,
Karl May

Correspondence ID: 73 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,28,2014 12:55:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear ONP Staff,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the temporary relocation of Enchanted Valley Chalet. I fully support this proposal to temporarily relocate the chalet. I believe immediate actions are needed to protect both the river ecosystem and this historically significant structure.

My family and I are members of the Backcountry Horsemen (Peninsula Chapter) and routinely visit the ONP backcountry with our horses. In 2012 my husband and I packed our three horses to the Enchanted Valley Chalet and we were awestruck by the beauty of both the valley and the Chalet. We were unable to make a return trip with out three children in 2013 but are hopefully we can make the trip in 2014. Our children have only seen photos of the Chalet and if immediate action is not taken to save the structure this will be their only relationship with the Chalet.

Please expedite the process and move the Chalet to safety, even if it is a temporary solution. This structure is not only beautiful but a very important historical piece and it deserves the same sort of protection offered to the river and other features and resources in the Enchanted Valley. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 74 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,28,2014 16:03:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to voice my support for the proposed temporary relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet. I think this is a wise step to buy time to develop a long-term plan for the conservation and perhaps eventual restoration of the structure, and is well-worth the short term impacts of the flights and other construction-related noise in the park.

While I realize the preservation of human structures in wilderness areas is controversial, I think the preservation of the chalet offers an important opportunity for conversation about how people have utilized the land that is now the park over time and what values informed their choices.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 75 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,28,2014 19:41:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After hiking in to see the chalet this past weekend and thoroughly reading over the proposal, I feel strongly that the plan in place is the best course of action for both the Quinalt River and the historic structure. Certainly damage incurred from leaving the structure in place to collapse will have a greater adverse affect on the environment than the temporary disturbance of the work to move it. Additionally, when considering the great historical and cultural value of the chalet, it is in both the national park's and the outdoors community's best interest to save the building from collapse. While the current proposal serves to protect the building from total loss, I would hope that a plan can be devised to allow it to remain in the Enchanted Valley.

Correspondence ID: 76 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,29,2014 09:50:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Olympic Park Associates
168 Lost Mountain Lane, Sequim WA 98382, mcmorgan@olypen.com

May 28, 2014

Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum
Olympic National Park
600 East Park Avenue
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Re: Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinalt River Environmental Assessment

Olympic Park Associates (OPA) supports the Purpose and Need of the proposed action, "to protect the East Fork Quinalt River and its associated natural resources from imminent environmental harm," and "to prevent the Enchanted Valley Chalet from collapsing into the East Fork Quinalt River and adversely impacting the streambed, hydrology, water quality, fisheries, other associated natural resources, and local wilderness character." OPA commends the park on recognizing natural resource protection as its highest priority. And we applaud the agency's decision to avoid active manipulation of the river channel or bank to alter natural stream dynamics of the East Fork Quinalt River. As we wrote in an earlier letter on the chalet (1/14/14), "we urge you to resist calls for bank armoring using riprap, gabion baskets, or other artificial constraints on the river's hydrology. These actions would be detrimental to aquatic habitats, natural geologic process and ecological processes the park is charged with preserving."

However, we cannot agree that the proposed action, moving the chalet intact up to 100 feet from the stream bank, is the most efficient, effective or economic means of meeting the stated purpose and need. Both can be more easily met, with far fewer impacts and at a fraction of the cost, by dismantling, disassembling or razing the building in place.

We note that "[a]fter the chalet is removed, the NPS will embark on a separate planning process to assess options for final disposition of the chalet" [p.6]. While understanding the desire to prevent a collapse of the building into the river with next fall and winter's rains, this emergency EA in affect undercuts the purpose of the second by investing significant resources into a predetermined outcome: moving the chalet to another location in Enchanted Valley. Clearly, it would be more appropriate to complete a single EA or EIS that would allow a full examination and discussion of all the impacts as well as costs of the proposed action and consider other sensible alternatives that were determined to be outside the scope of the current expedited EA.

Certainly, the location of the action in designated wilderness in a remote and scenic valley along a popular trail raises questions regarding the heavy use of helicopters (up to four hours a day for multiple days) as well as use of a ten-horsepower gas-powered engine to drive pumps for an unspecified amount of time. Both call for a fuller consideration of alternatives than this EA affords.

Regarding federally listed endangered species, we note that the action would take place during the breeding seasons for threatened spotted owls and marbled murrelets. The mitigation of "having helicopter flights stay at least 120 m above or away from habitat at all times" strikes us as inadequate given the severe noise of helicopter flights in a narrow valley and probable disturbance to nesting birds - particularly considering the amount of helicopter round-trip flights throughout the more than 20-mile valley from Bunch Field to the project site. The EA's conclusion that the action "would have short- and long-term, negligible to minor, adverse effects on [listed] fish and wildlife and also some beneficial effects" seems optimistic and understates the case.

Regarding wilderness character, we disagree that the action "would have short-term, minor to moderate, adverse effects on wilderness character; as well as long-term, beneficial effects." We consider the effects to be significant during the one-week or more project period and long-lasting given the presence of the structure in a new location in a wilderness valley.

As the EA accurately points out, "the chalet was added to the National Register of Historic Places due to its local significance" [p. 26]. Nothing in the National Historic Preservation Act requires that the structure be preserved. Olympic National Park and the Olympic Wilderness are of national significance and worldwide renown. As you know, the Wilderness Act defines wilderness as an area "of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinalt River

generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable..." It strikes OPA that the "imprint of man's work" in the form of a repositioned three-story building a new location in the spectacular Enchanted Valley would be strikingly noticeable. And it would diminish wilderness character.

Given these concerns, the resources required to carry out the proposed action, and the dramatic reductions to visitor services and park maintenance caused by budget cuts in recent years, the action merits a fuller and more considerable discussion and assessment than the expedited EA affords.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tim McNulty

Vice president, Olympic Park Associates

Correspondence ID: 77 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,29,2014 12:12:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum,

Thank you for this opportunity to personally comment on the EA for the proposal to move the Enchanted Valley Chalet away from the east fork of the Quinault River. I support the Olympic Park Associates' comments submitted on this matter. I have read the EA and find that it did not explain why dismantling the chalet was not a cheaper and less damaging way of keeping the structure out of the river. In short, I did not find sufficient explanation of the alternatives that are available.

While I understand the love for this structure by the many who have used it over the last decades, I feel the value lost to the wilderness in an attempt to save it, intact in the valley, is too great. The Historic Preservation Act does not demand that historic buildings and structures be saved intact but that they be documented and their history be preserved. The Historic Act, as interpreted by some, ignores the historic fact and value of wilderness and nature. The vast majority of our land has been altered by our hand. The Wilderness Act asks to leave untrammelled a small percentage for nature to thrive and to preserve the handy work of its creator.

I also support the position of the Quinault Tribe to keep the structure out of the river. One of the paramount values of Olympic National Park's wilderness is its contribution to the clean air and water for the whole peninsula and its people.

We need to decide if historic structure preservation is more important than the health benefits brought to us by wilderness preservation.

Olympic National Park Wilderness preserves the plants, animals, and fish of a unique ecosystem. It holds genes with values we are still learning of their benefits to us. Over half of our medicines now come from nature. We still don't have cures for many current diseases and conditions that afflict us and we continue to discover new diseases.

It is my hope that there will be an EIS done on this situation and that it will happen soon.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 78 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,29,2014 12:58:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully understand the point of view of those who want to save the chalet. It has a history. It has a history in many peoples' personal lives...a wedding, a camping trip, a night spent there as a child. I have studied the photographs made while it was being constructed. It is particularly part of a history of people in this region. But it was built by human beings in what is now considered part of the wilderness. And it was those same human beings who logged all along the banks and shores of the river/massive trees that helped to stabilize the river. Had that not happened, the river might not have moved to the extent that it has undercut the chalet's foundation. Now many hope to make up for this error by moving the chalet in order to decide whether and how to "save" it. Romantic history aside, the building is also a historic one. However, though National Park rules are much more flexible than those generally for other historic buildings, this building either has or will lose its historic integrity. Rebuilding, renovating, "saving" this building in a wilderness area will cost more than I'd want the NPS to spend on it even if the rebuilding were done with tools and techniques of the time/that is to restore it with historic integrity. Moving it to then consider what to do is an outpouring of funds that buys time.....but clearly there are few options once its moved and those can be foreseen before the money is spent. Plus any use of machinery, helicopters, etc. to save the building is in direct conflict with the wilderness act. Here be habitat...habitat that must be protected. Every exception diminishes us all/diminishes our land and our world. I'm sure many of us have read The Sixth Extinction and the research on wilderness, decline of species, degradation of habitat. I say tread lightly. dismantle the building (keeping anything from going into the river) and declare the SITE a national historic treasure. Have a ceremony. Don't forget the lodge, celebrate it, mourn it but don't do further harm to our wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 79 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,29,2014 13:34:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have read your on line environmental assessment and thought there was no drastic harm to the Park involved in trying to save the beloved and historical chalet. The small noise disturbance for a limited time to a very limited area would be well worth it if the chalet could temporarily be safe. The flip side of having pieces of it washing down the river and strung along its course would be much worse. I say, "GO FOR IT." And the sooner, the better. Thank you for changing your minds and trying to save the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

Correspondence ID: 80 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Appreciate the saving of this historical chalet. It is a gem in this Enchanted Valley. The task of moving it to save it must be tedious, but in my opinion, well worth it.

I enjoy the Olympic National Park almost every other weekend since I live on the skirts of it. I would like to see the continual preservation the historical aspects of this region, as well as maintaining accessibility.

The ONP is a timecapsule of from whence it started. There are structures such as these that are not "wilderness" but they are part of the Park nonetheless and are an intrigue to the visitors of a time when people survived in open wild spaces such as this.

I love the ONP as it is today and want to thanks the ONP staff for their dedicated service.

Jake Purvis
Port Angeles Local
Annual ONP pass holder for last 13 years.

Correspondence ID: 81 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,29,2014 16:21:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just want to thank you for taking quick action to remove the Chalet from it's immediate danger of falling into the Quinault river channel! taking the initiative for preserving such an important and still usable artifact of park history is to be commended, and will be appreciated by those of us who hike, climb, and ski in our beautiful Olympics and Cascade mountains.

Correspondence ID: 82 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,29,2014 16:50:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly encourage the NPS to move forward with moving the chalet rather than letting it fall into the river or endure further decay.

Correspondence ID: 83 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,29,2014 22:09:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Greetings,

As a preservation advocate, I am thankful that Olympic National Park officials for taking the necessary actions to protect the Enchanted Valley Chalet as well as the Quinault River. It certainly has been alarming to see that the River has threatened the foundation of the Chalet by years of eroding the river bank but I am so pleased that Park officials see the value of saving this valuable historic resource in the park by allowing the time to properly evaluate the long-term protection for the chalet and temporarily move the building away from the river banks. This action demonstrates that this important historic asset to the park can be saved and be used for many years to come.

I also know that the river threatened the chalet about 10 years ago, and in 2005 low-impact measures were taken which resulted in protecting to the chalet for the past 8 years. That action offered low-impact solutions that do exist to save this and other historic resources in our public lands.

The simple fact that the Enchanted Valley Chalet has had such an important function as a back country ranger station and a all-season emergency shelter to park visitors for the past 60 years only speaks to its importance to the Park.

I hope this project can move forward successfully and that the Chalet has many, many years of use by it being moved and restored in the Enchanted Valley.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 84 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,29,2014 23:47:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save the chalet and relocate it!

Correspondence ID: 85 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,30,2014 05:44:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I love the idea of moving this historic building. I am interested in helping with the labor. The plan sounds good to me.

Correspondence ID: 86 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,30,2014 07:27:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support the move the Enchanted Valley Chalet in an effort to save it. Getting help from volunteers (I'm sure there are many) will hopefully help with the cost. This historic structure is definitely worth saving.

Correspondence ID: 87 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: May,30,2014 08:10:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to support the relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet. I believe the plan to try and save the structure and also prevent unneeded debris into the East Fork of the Quinault has been well thought out and put together. The Chalet is a very important historical building, and I

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believe a lot of people would love to be able to visit is in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinions.

Sincerely,

Lorna Anderson

Correspondence ID: 88 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,30,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There are fewer and fewer gems like this left! It's such a wonderful addition to the park. Thanks for doing everything you can to relocate and save this treasure. It adds history, context, and safety to this backcountry location.

Correspondence ID: 89 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,30,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for taking action to review comments regarding protection of the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

I understand the Chalet has served as a back country ranger station and a four season emergency shelter for the past 60 years. As a backpacker and someone who is interested in historic preservation, I highly value the Chalet for its practical uses and its historic value.

I hope we are able to find a solution that protects the Chalet for the long-term.

Sincerely,
Maura Ahearn

Correspondence ID: 90 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,30,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to say thanks for taking action to protect both the river and for allowing time to evaluate long-term protection for the chalet.

This is a an aggressive river that threatened the chalet about 10 years ago, and in 2005 low-impact measures were taken resulting in protection to the chalet for the past 8 years.

I think there are several low impact solutions that can preserve the integrity of the wilderness designation and still save the chalet. The chalet is both historically priceless and irreplaceable and needs to be saved for future generations.

The chalet has served as a back country ranger station and a four season emergency shelter for the past 60 years.

Correspondence ID: 91 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,30,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for all that has been done in the past to protect the river and save our history. Please do whatever must be done to protect this building for its historical significance. My family has lived in Olympic Peninsula area for 100 years and have spent many joyous days in the parks. Please protect both the natural environment and the historical landmarks for our future citizens.
Sincerely,
Robert L. Slater

Correspondence ID: 92 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,30,2014 17:12:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,
The Enchanted Valley is a special place in the Olympic Mountains and the chalet brings the history and area to life by preserving the past. I highly support preserving what we have in both the natural and built world. I am in support of moving the chalet to a temporary safe area before the choice to dismantle it is made or the river takes it. Given the uprising of support to preserve the chalet, a longer conversation needs to take place before any permanant decisions are made concerning the chalet. The final solution is not clear in my opinion and a longer discussion would enable a solution to preserve our history and the environment at the same time.

Correspondence ID: 93 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,31,2014 09:31:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to encourage the temporary relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet. This chalet has been an important shelter for station and has served as a back country ranger station for many decades. I appreciate the fact that the national parks is considering protecting this shelter. It has been relocated before and I would hope that the low-impact solution of moving it can be undertaken once again. Thanks for your time.

Correspondence ID: 94 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,31,2014 10:41:03
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Correspondence: I am distressed and disappointed with the Park Service's (NPS) proposal to once again deemphasize the goals of congressionally

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designated Wilderness, in favor of human structures and related mechanized activities within said Wilderness. Institutional memory is apparently short, as it was just a decade ago that a federal judge ruled the NPS had violated the 1964 Wilderness Act in its attempt to helicopter in and install two new, pre-fabricated shelters at Low Divide and Home Sweet Home. Please explain how the proposal to relocate the Enchanted Valley chalet, with multiple helicopter flights and use of other machines in designated Wilderness, differs in any meaningful respect from this previous ruling.

Relocation of the chalet is a clear violation of the Wilderness Act. But perhaps even worse than that, it's another of many recent examples of federal managers caving in to a mob mentality, wherein certain "hobbyists" and/or commercial interests attain sufficient volume to persuade federal agencies to willingly violate long-established law. By all appearances, the NPS's decision to defer to those who feel eternal preservation of the chalet is worthy of degrading Wilderness reflects a desire by our land managers to not make the tough call. It's cowardice, really, on the part of NPS management; and a refusal to act on behalf of the public at large, as well as designated Wilderness specifically, so as to avoid having a certain noisy contingent say mean things about them. It smacks of careerism, rather than leadership.

There is of course nothing in the National Historic Preservation Act that prohibits the loss of any particular structure, yet the Wilderness Act is abundantly clear regarding non-conforming structures and use of mechanized equipment therein. The pathway (i.e., road) through which the chalet would be moved, as well as its subsequent resting place, will directly impact a portion of one of our nation's finest natural valleys. This, of course, entails degradation of the immediate area, though the valley as a whole will be degraded via repeated heli flights and motors used for chalet lift/transportation.

It boggles the mind that the NPS is so flagrantly willing to violate the Wilderness Act, yet again. The presumption is that the agency is content to proceed as proposed, with the full expectation of a third party challenging the decision and likely prevailing in court, so that NPS managers can then wash their hands of any culpability. And then, presumably, certain politicians will come to the rescue and declare that preservation of the chalet is worth degradation of a regrettably limited Wilderness resource. It's shameful, an abrogation of leadership, and a betrayal to the vast remainder of the general public as well as future generations, not to mention utterly contradictory to the Wilderness Management Plan currently being developed.

If there is genuine ecological concern regarding the chalet collapsing into the E. Fork Quinault, the NPS should instead be studying how to appropriately dismantle it. Proceeding in that manner would be in full compliance with the letter and spirit of all relevant federal statutes. Why doing so is somehow beyond the capabilities of the NPS, and why caving in to what is essentially a small minority of white, male, and self-interested blusterers, oblivious to the moral and legal foundations of designated Wilderness, shall be left for the historians to ponder and condemn.

There is, however, still time to take the correct and legal route in this case. Please stiffen your spine and do so.

Correspondence ID: 95 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,31,2014 14:18:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madame:

I am in strong support of relocating temporarily and then permanently preserving the "Chalet". I've had the privilege of camping and hiking in the Olympic Park since 1973. I've hiked from the Dosewallips over Anderson Pass and through the Enchanted Valley. The Chalet was at some risk then and I'm sorry to see nature now putting it in immediate danger. The Chalet is a treasured part of the history of the park. The building is beautiful and unique. It was a treat to walk into the meadow and see it and visit the premises. The loss of the Chalet would only be greatly regretted in the future. When I saw it, which was over 10 years ago some low impact actions were taken to reduce risk. I strongly urge you to take swift action and not discard a piece of the history of the park. Letting it go would send a terrible signal about the approach to stewarding treasured aspects of the park. Thank you in advance for considering my comments.

Best regards,

Scott Barnhart

Correspondence ID: 96 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,01,2014 09:14:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe forward is the direction the people should look to, and live but also having a past as a source of pride, a grounded base to be able to thrive is important. I support the moving this historic building from the banks, keeping this landmark is a small bit of history and I'm looking forward to visiting in the near future. Thanks Sherri Wright

Correspondence ID: 97 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,01,2014 12:23:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Move the chalet- --more than 100 ft or it will have to be moved again in a few decades

Correspondence ID: 98 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,01,2014 17:14:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Temporary Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet from the edge of the East Fork Quinault River. It has been use by many and more to come who would love to see it. Please save the Enchanted Valley Chalet from destruction.
Thank You Very Kindly~
Brenda Edwards

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Received: Jun,01,2014 20:52:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is to encourage the National Park Service to do what is necessary to preserve the Enchanted Valley Chalet in Olympic National Park. It has been in existence for 60 years and has served as a back country ranger station as well as a four season emergency shelter. Emergency shelters are more necessary than ever with the increase of hikers, backpackers, horse riders, etc. There are organizations such as the Back Country Horsemen who would willingly help preserve the chalet.

Correspondence ID: 100 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: Jun,02,2014 10:30:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please move the building. Its historic character is great in the Enchanted Valley and if it fell into the river it would adversely affect it.

Correspondence ID: 101 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: Jun,02,2014 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was overjoyed to receive the news that a plan has been made to save the Enchanted Valley Chalet!!! It is a national treasure. The other chalets built at the same time by the Olson Family are all gone. Only this beautiful structure remains. I first stayed in the chalet in 1961 when that was permitted. The ranger said that a bear had hibernated in one of the rooms the previous winter. In 1967 and 2005 I returned to the valley but had to sleep in a tent as the chalet was closed. I was so alarmed to see the encroaching river and knew what this foretold. Please, please, please SAVE OUR CHALET! I want my children and grandchildren to visit this wonderous valley and it's chalet. It should be on the National Historic Registry.

Correspondence ID: 102 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: Jun,02,2014 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

What a magnificent piece of architecture and history. This building represents, not only a rich history of the park, but the beginning of euro-American roots in the Olympics, as well as unique craftsmanship, and a safe haven for hikes and guests of the forest.

I would love to help in any way to preserve this beautiful structure.

Dylan Henderson
Archaeologist
Tacoma Power

Correspondence ID: 103 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: Jun,02,2014 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is a special place. When it was repaired a few years ago they used hand tools, and had the original carpenter up there working with the volunteer crew. It was written up by Bryn (a friend of mine, and journalist), and it was and is a great story that resonates with many, though not that many have been up there.

The building is in a special place, and one of the few remaining structures of its kind. Save it.

Correspondence ID: 104 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: Jun,02,2014 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please provide the Enchanted Valley Chalet a stay of execution. It's important for the story it tells about our National Parks, set within its changing wilderness. I work in city planning and just as I believe my municipality should walk the talk, I believe our Federal agencies should do the same. If there is a reasonable way to continue telling this story through this historic place (and it seems that there is through a move), I fully support taking these steps.

Thank you for your commitment to saving our natural, cultural, and historic places.

Michelle Sadlier

Correspondence ID: 105 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081

Received: Jun,03,2014 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We'd like to thank National Park officials for taking action to protect both the East Fork Quinault River and for allowing time to evaluate long-term protection for the Enchanted Valley Chalet. Ten years ago, the river threatened the chalet and in 2005, low-impact measures were taken to protect the chalet. Low-impact solutions again exist that will preserve the integrity of this unique building into the future, securing its role as a back-country ranger station and four-season, emergency shelter for another sixty years. Thank you.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: Temporary Relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River - Environmental Assessment

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Thank you for taking action to protect both the river and for allowing time to evaluate long-term protection for the chalet.

The river threatened the chalet about 10 years ago, and in 2005 low-impact measures were taken resulting in protection to the chalet for the past 8 years. Low-impact solutions do exist.

The chalet has served as a back country ranger station and a four season emergency shelter for the past 60 years.

This structure is part of the important history of the northwest region and should be protected.

Kind regards,
DJ Bassett

Correspondence ID: 107 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,03,2014 22:30:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These are the official comments of Trgve Culp, President of BCHW. We have sent these comments in hard copy as well.....

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), representing the recreational stock use community in Washington State, supports the proposed action to move the Enchanted Valley Chalet between 50 and 100 feet away from the river in order to avoid the Chalet collapsing in the river which will not be a good outcome for either the river or the Chalet.

It is perplexing to us that this historical stock use camp and building which more recently has continued to serve travelers and seasonal rangers is subject to debates over ideology which does not serve the Wilderness Act, the enabling legislation for the Olympic National Park (ONP), or the welfare of visitors to the ONP. Relocating the Chalet will not in any way jeopardize the wilderness quality of the Quinault Valley. In fact the building existed at the time the ONP became wilderness, and it was not considered a significant non-conforming use affecting wilderness quality either then or in the decades since. This would not even be an issue were it not for the focus of some to spend more time on legal and ideological wrangling than on experiencing the natural environment and the wonders our National Parks through their trails systems along with bridges and shelters allow for.

If our society is going to continue to support National Parks, then Park wilderness need to remain accessible and managed for the people of the United States in a way that preserves wilderness character while also recognizing the historical legacy that made preserving public lands for posterity important. Saving the Chalet while protecting the river is a win-win proposition for both visitors and nature. We ask that you make what efforts you can to save this living history.

Thank you for allowing our organization to weigh in on this matter and to assist with a solution to saving the Chalet.

_____/s/_____
Trygve Culp, President
Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Correspondence ID: 108 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support any efforts to permanently preserve the Enchanted Valley Chalet in the Enchanted Valley where it was originally built with a safe and accessible trail.

While the Olympic National Park is certainly a wilderness jewel, it has a valuable human story to tell as well, all throughout the park. Removing the Chalet from it's current location would destroy its story and its value.

In fact, I strongly support maintaining the trails and shelters throughout the park so that reasonably mobile people of any age can hike and backpack without unduly risking their safety due to missing bridges and downed trees and slides blocking trails.

It is not necessary to spend resources building new roads, trails, and buildings. Let's just preserve and maintain what we have.

I would also like to encourage you to be certain that any future public meeting schedules include a meeting in Aberdeen or Hoquiam. I was involved in the scheduling of a meeting in Aberdeen a couple of years ago. We rescheduled it to a larger meeting space but when I arrived at the new location the building was closed with no sign indicating why there was no meeting. I hope there will be an effort made to hold future meetings in Aberdeen or Hoquiam.

Correspondence ID: 109 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 12:58:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support moving the Chalet away from the river to preserve this historic building in its intended/natural location. The structure has lasted on this site for nearly 100 years and there is good reason to believe it could remain in its new location in Enchanted Valley a similar period of time. Another option would be to bring in by helicopter large round river rock from outside the park and placed at critical points along the river bank could redirect the river away from the chalet.
If you create a dedicated fund to help pay for the moving of the chalet, I would consider contributing to said fund.

Correspondence ID: 110 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 14:53:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence: June 4, 2014

Dear Park Officials,

Background -

Thank you for analyzing the recent migrations of the East Fork of the Quinault River and the impacts on the natural environment. On a recent trip to the Enchanted Valley May 26-28, 2014 I was saddened to see what the river is doing to the natural environment. I wish I could show you my impression through photographs. I visited the Valley many times in the 1980's through '90's, most often making numerous trips with the Olympians Hiking Club from Hoquiam, WA as part of the 1983 Restoration project. On this trip in 2014 I was visiting a newly created area. It was good to see camping in and around the meadow as has been done in the past. The area below the meadow and the numerous downed trees makes it clear that the river is in control and the meadows succumb to its force. River crossings by foot are challenging and continually need to be reinforced or placed.

Initial Thoughts -

My particular human nature speaks to wanting to make sure the river doesn't wipe out things that I think need protecting. Upon reading the EA document I see that the impacts to the river whether short or long term are important. In particular, the Quinault Indian Nation is concerned about the effects on water quality and fish habitat and what is happening in the Enchanted Valley. I am pleased to see the Quinault's are concerned. Are they interested in helping manually and/or financially if needed?

River Discussion -

Although channel migration seems to be inevitable in the valley floor, I would like to consider causing the river to migrate according to where park officials can determine how to preserve the remaining meadow. The course that the river is taking now is wild. Can the 2006 course be re-established with minimal short term impacts to all aspects of the observed criteria? I would not be opposed to disturbing and/or depositing material to permanently establish the 2006 course which could protect the surviving meadows and what lies in them. A short term disturbance in this regard would have greater long term benefits. The elevations and former river channels prove that the river should be running straight through the valley and not winding its way around every nook and cranny. Have the effects of the streams flowing from the Burke Range above the valley to the west been considered? It seems that where one of the main streams is flowing into the river is where the river has decided to run in an easterly direction rather than maintaining its natural southwesterly flow. An aggressive channel manipulation might be in order, and one I would like the Park to consider. Prohibited uses according to the Wilderness Act would need to be used. But, I believe we have a responsibility to do what we can to protect the wilderness. If manually manipulating the river will preserve the meadows and remaining deciduous trees there then so be it. I understand that I am talking about cultural versus natural processes and that may be against Park policy and procedures but I do believe the river needs to be sent back to its original location. However, the health of the river is best if it flows as straight as possible through the valley and remain as a vibrant natural resource for all life downstream. Thinking in terms of preserving the valley meadows by relocation of the river course would however be consistent with the Wilderness goals of revegetating highly impacted areas if the overall use of the meadow is considered. It may be a stretch to think of this to be consistent with Wilderness practices but I also took pictures of people walking on the trails in the meadow. There is a need to maintain the meadow for many reasons, including that is where the trails are. The river has already changed the course of routes at the south end of the valley.

Proposal -

I am not sure what the EA is proposing. Is the EA proposing to temporarily move the Chalet or is it assessing the condition of the East Fork of the Quinault River and its effects on the Chalet? I am in favor of moving the Chalet if we are all certain it will be lost in the next rainy season. I am not in favor of allowing the Chalet to simply topple over and fall into the river like all the casualties of trees that that river has taken out already. I am also in favor of doing something heroic to the river and cause it to stop its present channel braiding through the valley. The unique aspects of the Enchanted Valley cannot be under-emphasized.

Conclusions -

I am asking officials from the Olympic National Park to take a look at all aspects of the impacts of a river changing the course of history as opposed to the impacts of what we can do to a river to preserve history. The Valley has been inhabited by people for longer than any of us know. Although we do have good knowledge of what has happened up there in the last 125 years. It should be obvious there are many people over the course of known history that have poured their lives into the Enchanted Valley. In my recent May 2014 trip I talked with several people all having different places of origin. Some were there for the 1st time; some were there for the 15th (me). It is a backpacking destination and stopover point, although camping in the valley isn't absolutely necessary. Many overnight sites can be found just outside the valley if desired. Clearly, to me, the Enchanted Valley is about people - a manageable number of people. The evidence of our involvement with the area suggests that we consider taking whatever steps necessary to preserve the area to accommodate people and stock. The river crossings and the fine attention to detail that the Park has maintained to make things passable is appreciated. Doing nothing to change the course of the river isn't consistent with Park practices and the efforts many paid and unpaid people have accomplished in the Valley's history. I also understand that my desires to change the course of the river are not part of a preferred alternative but please be clear that I am in favor of a temporary solution for the preservation of a structure. I just think that the overall character of the Valley is being lost to the eastward shifting of the river at this time. Thanks to the Park once again for making this document available for comment like I am doing now. I appreciate the efforts. I am not a predictor of the future but I will say that I would like to continue to enjoy a trip to the Enchanted Valley via Graves Creek 19 years from now on my 75th birthday. I am planning on it.

Bill Brewster

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Correspondence:	June 4, 2014				

Sarah Creachbaum, Superintendent

RE: Temporary Relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River - Environmental Assessment
Olympic National Park
600 E. Park Avenue
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Superintendent Creachbaum,

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and our more than 750,000 members and supporters, I respectfully submit the following Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River
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comments on the Temporary Relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River - Environmental Assessment (EA).

NPCA supports efforts to protect the East Fork of the Quinault River by temporarily moving the Enchanted Valley Chalet (the Chalet) 50 to 100 feet from its current location. Dismantling the Chalet in its current location could have avoided the adverse impacts to the soil and vegetation of a designated wilderness area caused by moving the Chalet. However, to lessen the possibility of damage to the natural resources and ecological functions of the river from the Chalet collapsing into the river as well as avoiding safety issues related to dismantling the structure in its current precarious state, the Chalet should be temporarily relocated.

NPCA appreciates a detailed analysis of the impacts that are likely to occur in the process of moving the chalet. However, despite our support of this action NPCA is concerned with some aspects of the Environmental Assessment:

â€¢ The EA states on page 14 and again later in the document that the Chalet will be moved for "potentially more than one year." The new location of the Chalet will still be in a known flood plain, near known avalanche chutes and near a river known to have a large channel migration zone that can quickly erode its banks. Furthermore, long-term positioning of the Chalet in this location will contribute to further damage to the soils and vegetation of the designated wilderness. NPCA strongly supports a long term solution that is reached before the onset of another rainy season on the peninsula, which could lead to a repeat of the situation similar to the one the Chalet is currently experiencing. We urge the National Park Service to seek resolution of this issue in 2014.

â€¢ The EA states on page 53 that there are no positive social, recreational, or experiential effects from the no action alternative (keeping the Chalet in its current location and allowing it to be removed through natural processes), while the negative effect would be to visitors who are familiar with the structure and the setting. NPCA believes the current existence of the structure has a negative effect on the wilderness experience of some users and those future visitors to the Enchanted Valley. These users may see the no action alternative as having a positive recreational and experiential effect because it ultimately leads to the removal of the Chalet from the valley. Current and future visitors may question why a boarded up structure that is not open to the public and currently serves no purpose is located in a designated wilderness obstructing views and the untrammeled character of the Enchanted Valley. This possible positive effect of the no-action alternative should have also been stated.

â€¢ The EA again on page 55 states that the action alternative would have a positive social, recreation, and experiential effect by moving the Chalet as it "would provide the public an opportunity to see the structure before a final determination is made on the disposition of the structure." While many of the negative impacts from the action alternative are also discussed, there is no mention of the negative experiential effect of keeping the structure in the valley to future visitors for potentially more than one year. Otherwise, NPCA agrees with the negative impacts discussed related to the effect on the undeveloped character by the action alternative. The EA on page 54 states there would be a negative impact because "the man-made structure would still exist within Congressional-designated wilderness."

In conclusion, NPCA supports the action alternative in order to protect the natural resources and ecological function of the Quinault River. We are concerned with the potential for the Chalet to remain in its new location for more than one year, despite continued erosion, flood, avalanche, fire, and structural deficiency risks. Also, we believe the negative effect of saving the Chalet, even temporarily, on the wilderness experience of some visitors is understated in the EA.

Thank you for considering our comments. We look forward to participating in the development of a long term solution for the final disposition of the chalet. It is our hope that this process will result in a plan that protects the natural resources of the park and the wilderness character of the Enchanted Valley.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID:	112	Project:	51774	Document:	59081
Received:	Jun,04,2014 17:18:56				
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I am writing to urge you to save the Enchanted Valley Chalet. This is an important historical resource which helps to interpret the history of the Quinault East Fork area. Please preserve it by relocating it off the rivers edge. The chalet is as irreplaceable as is the river. Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	113	Project:	51774	Document:	59081
Received:	Jun,04,2014 18:00:36				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				

Correspondence: I understand the desire to save the Enchanted Valley Chalet by moving it away from the river. However, although the chalet has some historic value, I think the historic value would be diminished by moving it from it's original location.

I seriously doubt that leaving the chalet alone and allowing it to eventually fall into the river will harm the river or the fish in it.

Historic structures in Wilderness Areas should not be reconstructed or relocated, and should be maintained only at the minimal level following analysis of their impact on wilderness character. When a structure is threatened by a natural process within a wilderness area, natural processes should prevail.

Correspondence ID: 114 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,
I am new to this area of Grays Harbor County. I work with a woman who is passionate about the Chalet... her father was a mountain climber and her family has many fond memories there.

We are a 'toss it out' society. I have lived in many places, from the hills of Georgia to the small towns of Oregon... we need our history. This building is not just sticks and mortar. It is our living history. Our children deserve THIS as much as they do the open beaches and clean air.

SAVE the CHALET!

Correspondence ID: 115 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 20:30:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Thank you so much for allowing me to comment on the proposed move of the Enchanted Valley Chalet. I fully support Olympic National Park's staff proposal to move the Chalet away from the East Fork Quinault River and sincerely hope a longer term option to keep the Chalet in the Valley will be found.

The connection so many us have to this building, to this place, is so powerful and it is generational.

Since 1953, when a decision was made by Superintendent Fred Overly to preserve the Chalet, staff at Olympic National Park as well as supporters have done a wonderful job caring for this structure. It is a part of the community and a "touch stone" to many.

Upon my first visit to the Chalet in 1972 as a young teen, the Valley and Chalet instilled a strong desire to work and protect these special places. As a youth I spent many summers traveling along the ridges and valleys of the Quinault, often seeking shelter at the Chalet. It has provided shelter to so many over the years. It has become a part of the valley. It has become part of me.

Having met hundreds of people on the trail I am moved by comments of their experiences in the Valley. One cannot help but reflect on the history of events that makes the Chalet so special, the valley, the times within its walls ,its safety and protection.

As my youth is now gone I still make slow pilgrimages to the Chalet, mile after mile, breath after breath, and am continually haunted by memories of the past..... as we both just try to hang on. It is that special.

Correspondence ID: 116 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 20:30:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The impact of the EV Chalet falling into the East Fork Quinault would be a huge environmental disaster. The structure and furniture would remain in the river for years, fouling the water and diverting the river. It is imperative that the chalet be moved in order to protect the river. I hope to see the river free of chalet debris for my lifetime.

Correspondence ID: 117 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 21:47:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save the Enchanted Valley Chalet. It is an important part of the history of Olympic National Park, and we should not let it be washed away. Moving the Chalet a short distance is a good, low impact, short-term solution. The Chalet complements this lovely area of the park, and with our help it will stand for years to come.

Correspondence ID: 118 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 22:14:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Over 34 years of hiking and backpacking in Olympic National Park, I have probably walked into Enchanted Valley about 30 times. Each time, coming into the open valley through the grove of alder trees at its western end, I loved the first glimpses of the chalet. It fit the place in which it was set. Once, my husband and I were the only early-season visitors, and the ranger invited us into her kitchen in the chalet for a cup of coffee. Many times, I sat on the steps of the "front door" in the sun as I gazed around the valley, watching bears grazing in the meadows, trying to count the waterfalls.

But natural settings change over the years. And Enchanted Valley is in the heart of official, Designated Wilderness. The river moves around - - that movement formed the valley itself. Fifteen or so years ago, a tremendous avalanche came down. Whole trees were felled, and the tops broken off many others. A cottonwood we had camped beneath was gone, as was an old western hemlock, under which was our foulweather campsite. On a time scale longer than our human one, forests and even mountains change. It doesn't make sense to push back against normal change to protect and keep something

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that was made by humans. How long would we take protective measures to save the chalet? Forever? While the river, the forests, and the mountains are changing constantly, why would we choose one thing and say we will not allow it to change? It just doesn't make sense, and it also flies in the face of the concept of wilderness -- pumps, jacks, helicopters, and all the rest of it.

It is time to let the chalet go.

So why spend all the money to move it? Instead, take it down, and let the river keep moving about as it will. Some of the Moving Money will be spent on demolition and removal of polluting materials from the demolished building. But use the rest in a more responsible manner -- more seasonal employees, more interpretive programs, more trail and facility maintenance. Funding for all of those has been cut and cut and cut over decades. Invest in the park! Don't use scarce money for nonproductive projects.

Correspondence ID: 119 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,04,2014 22:57:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Ms. Creachbaum,

The Wilderness Society is pleased to submit these comments for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the temporary relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the protection of the East Fork Quinault River. We appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on this project.

The Wilderness Society has worked to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for wild places since our founding in 1935. In Washington state, we have 20,000 members who are passionate for our wild lands and are invested in the careful stewardship of these places. Our purpose in Washington state is threefold: (1) to protect the last, great wild places; (2) make sure people can get to and enjoy these lands; and (3) build an enduring base of support for our work and the wild places we protect. Olympic National Park and the Olympic Wilderness in particular are beloved by the millions of residents and visitors who explore the area. Few may make the trek to visit the Enchanted Valley Chalet, but it is certainly a unique historic resource that has shaped the wilderness character of the area for decades.

Overall, The Wilderness Society is pleased the National Park Service is moving forward with a proposal to address the emergency situation in the Enchanted Valley. We also eagerly await the subsequent planning process to assess options for final disposition of the chalet (EA, pg 6). The Wilderness Society offers the following comments:

- 1) The Wilderness Society agrees with the Purpose and Need of this project. The Enchanted Valley Chalet will collapse into the East Fork of the Quinault River if no action is taken. The Wilderness Society firmly believes that such inaction is unacceptable given the potentially significant environmental impact of the collapse of the structure into the river system.
- 2) A long-term solution is imperative for the structure. The Wilderness Society believes a viable long-term solution is necessary for the structure. As detailed in the EA, the historic variability of the floodplain provides little certainty for the future safety and maintenance of the structure if it remains in the channel migration zone of the river. Future environmental analyses should explore the range of alternatives for movement of the structure outside of the channel migration zone and evaluate the benefit-cost of such actions.
- 3) The Wilderness Society supports specific actions in the EA and recommends further analyses. The Wilderness Society supports the proposed removal of the non-historic foundation of the chalet for all of the benefits noted in the EA. We also support the proposed position of the National Park Service to not actively manipulate the river channel or bank. Furthermore, as noted on page 20 of the EA, the 100-year floodplain of the river has not been mapped. To accurately evaluate and assess alternatives in future planning efforts, the 100-year floodplain (and ideally 500-year floodplain) should be mapped. History has proved this river to be extremely dynamic, and future recommendations should be made with the best available data.
- 4) The Wilderness Society acknowledges the complication of operating during the nesting and breeding season of threatened bird species. The nesting and breeding seasons of the marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl coincide with the timeframe of the proposed action. The Wilderness Society acknowledges the complication of operation during this season and urges the National Park Service to take the most conservative approach given the adverse impacts of such disturbance to these species.
- 5) Finally, The Wilderness Society acknowledges the timing and cost of this proposal is potentially controversial but important. The Wilderness Society thanks the National Park Service for taking steps to complete this expedited EA and propose action to avoid the imminent collapse of the chalet into the river. While the costs incurred for this action were not previously planned for, taking the time to thoroughly evaluate the range of alternatives to determine the fate of the chalet in the long term is prudent.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this project. Feel free to contact me at (206) 624-6430x291 or kcraig@tw.society with any questions or further comments regarding this letter or our work in Washington state.

Sincerely,

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The Wilderness Society

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Correspondence: I vote for temporarily moving the chalet. I would like very much to continue taking backpacking trips to the chalet in future and not just have the memory of a very special building I used to hike I when I was younger. Let's keep the Chalet something that makes the Olympic National Park one of a kind.

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Correspondence: Save the quinalt chalet ! It was there well before the park was established and belongs that setting. Hard work for the people that built the trail system and chalet to be remembered is a must not a question. Thank you for listening ! Tod H.

Correspondence ID: 122 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
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Correspondence: I would like to comment on the effort of the National Park Service, specifically the Olympic National Park, to assess the feasibility and importance of relocating the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

I do believe that the Enchanted Valley Chalet has a very historically important connection to the Olympic National Park, specifically to the Enchanted Valley. The chalet is an integral part of that valley. It is part of the history, the beauty, and of the mystic, so to speak, that draws tourists and hikers there. The Enchanted Valley Chalet has both a defined historically important presence there and also an equally important intrinsic presence there.

First, I appreciate that the staff at Olympic National Park is now seriously studying the situation with great urgency. I do realize that that area is a wilderness area defined under the 1964 Wilderness Act which necessitates an environmental assessment (among other legalities), which has now been finished and is open to public comment.

I have read that Enchanted Valley Chalet Environmental Assessment and I agree with it that the structure should be moved by the practices mentioned in the assessment. This imposes that minimal impact practices in that area would be required and adhered to while moving the structure to a safer location, which I believe easily can be done.

I believe moving the structure is in the best interest of the local river valley environment while maintaining a historically important structure within the legal obligations of the Wilderness Act. To do otherwise, to let the structure fall into the river and impact that river environment is not an acceptable practice.

While the Wilderness Act is a legal law and a guide to maintain the wilderness aspect "where a man visits, leaving only footprints" in such an area, it is also a legislatively written law of morals and obligations expressed within that act to maintain historical structures within any such defined wilderness area. This aspect of the Wilderness Act therefore specifically requires the Olympic National Park Service to maintain the structure defined as the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

Please also note that many National Parks have numerous historical structures, including chalets in their back-country that are of significant historical value and are maintained. While many of these structures may or may not reside in a defined wilderness area, their significance to that park's historical development and appreciation alone makes them moral obligations to maintain. Without those structures, those National Parks would be considerably less attractive and less desirable to visit.

I believe that the enchanted Valley Chalet should at this time be immediately moved to another location within the valley, preferably a distance far enough and safe enough from the river's meandering within the flood plain. Again, I also know it can easily be done with very little environmental impact. I am well aware of the discussions of saving the chalet and the practicality regarding relocating the structure. There are many online resources including information from the Olympic National Park, newspaper articles, online comments, and also from various forums, many which contain professionally accurately information.

I also believe that a more permanent solution to save this historical structure needs to be found. Hopefully further environmental assessment of the situation will allow it to remain within it's rightful location with the Enchanted Valley.

Personally even though I now reside in the Midwest, I have extensively hiked in the Olympic National Park. My wife and I have a love of that National Park that far exceeds any other location we have hiked or backpacked. We have time and time again traveled across the United States to hike there. Our love of that park began in 1990 and 1992 when we worked at Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort where all of our off-time was spent hiking the park. In 1995 we spent our honeymoon there hiking various trails. One of our honeymoon hikes was a hike up the Enchanted Valley to the mystically Enchanted Valley Chalet and the Anderson glacier.

So yes, I know the significance of the Enchanted Valley Chalet and it's importance to the Olympic National Park. It is an important part of the national treasure called Olympic National Park.

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Correspondence: June 5, 2014

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Re: Enchanted Valley Chalet Relocation Environmental Assessment Comments

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Dear Ms. Creachbaum,

Washington Trails Association (WTA) is the largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy organization in the country. With more than 12,000 members, we maintain trails and advocate for their protection across Washington state. We are pleased to submit comments on the Environmental Assessment to temporarily relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the protection of the East Fork Quinault River.

Washington Trails Association thanks the National Park Service for taking emergency action to address the threat of an imminent collapse of the chalet into the East Fork Quinault River. Washington Trails Association is also pleased that the National Park Service plans to conduct a larger assessment to determine the future of the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

Washington Trails Association supports the National Park Service's Purpose and Need for this project. Due to the threat of imminent collapse of the chalet into the East Fork Quinault River, temporary relocation of the chalet is necessary to mitigate adverse environmental impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat. In addition, protecting the chalet from collapsing in the river will temporarily spare the historic structure from an unnecessary demise.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the chalet was built in 1930-31 by the Olympic Recreation Company for use as a mountain retreat by hikers and horseback riders. During World War II the chalet was briefly used as an Aircraft Warning Station. The chalet is currently used as an emergency shelter and ranger station. The East Fork Quinault River Trail is one of the most popular trails on the southeast portion of the park and hundreds of hikers visit the Enchanted Valley to take in the tremendous views and see the chalet each year.

Washington Trails Association would like to see the adverse impacts to visitors enjoying a wilderness experience to Enchanted Valley kept to a minimum during the busy summer hiking season. However Washington Trails Association also acknowledges that the work must be completed before heavy winter rains further erode the riverbank, which will likely collapse the chalet into the river.

Finally, Washington Trails Association acknowledges that there is an associated cost to temporarily relocating the chalet. While we support the National Park Service's proposed action, we acknowledge that the incurred costs should not deplete the budgets of other park functions, such as trail maintenance and recreation, which are currently underfunded.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Environmental Assessment for temporarily relocating the Enchanted Valley Chalet. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 206.965.8558 or aimler@wta.org if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director
Washington Trails Association

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Ms. Sarah Creachbaum, Superintendent
Olympic National Park
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Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Superintendent Creachbaum,

Thank you for notifying me of the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Enchanted Valley Chalet in the Olympic Wilderness in Olympic National Park. The following are Wilderness Watch's comments on the EA. Wilderness Watch is a national nonprofit wilderness conservation organization that seeks to protect the wilderness character of all the areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

In nearly all instances, Wilderness Watch opposes extraordinary efforts to save buildings and structures in designated Wilderness. Buildings, structures, and installations are prohibited by the 1964 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136). The very essence of a Wilderness "untrammelled by man", as the Wilderness Act defines it, also means that humans should not manipulate Wilderness nor impose human will upon Wildernesses. Wilderness Watch believes that allowing the forces of nature to weather and reclaim buildings and structures in Wilderness is what the Wilderness Act directs us to do. These same general values and requirements under the Wilderness Act also apply specifically to the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

The National Park Service has an obligation to adhere to the requirements of the Wilderness Act. If the Olympic Wilderness reclaims the chalet by natural processes, the wilderness character of the area will not be degraded, as the EA states, but will be improved by the absence of a human-built building.

Stewart Brandborg, the executive director of the Wilderness Society from 1964-1976 (and the last living person who was directly involved in passing the 1964 Wilderness Act) spoke directly to this issue two and a half years after passage of the Wilderness Act:

"It should be remembered that the Wilderness Act's criteria do not insist that wilderness be pristine, only that it appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. In both citizen groups and agency recommendations on areas that contain still-noticeable signs or remnants of man's work, an effort has been made to get assurances that such traces will be permitted to be obliterated by the natural processes of weathering and vegetative recovery."

Stewart Brandborg, 1967 Sierra Club Biennial Wilderness Conference

With the Enchanted Valley Chalet, the National Park Service needs to allow the building "to be obliterated by the natural processes of weathering and vegetative recovery."

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In addition, we have two specific points to make:

1. The EA analyzes an insufficient range of alternatives. The EA examines only two alternatives, the No Action alternative and the Preferred Alternative. The EA states (pp. 11-12) that a number of other alternatives were analyzed but rejected, though no specifics were given as to the reasons for rejecting any of the listed seven rejected alternatives. No reasons are given to the public for why any of the specific alternatives were rejected; without some analysis or rationale, the public cannot judge whether the NPS's reasons are adequate.

NEPA requires an adequate range of alternatives during environmental review, but the Enchanted Valley Chalet EA fails to do so.

2. The preferred alternative biases any later analysis as to the ultimate disposition of the structure. The preferred alternative in the Enchanted Valley Chalet EA requires such an extensive effort and expense that it makes it unlikely that any subsequent analysis will result in an outcome other than leaving the structure in the place to which the preferred alternative proposes it be dragged.

It appears to us that under the guise of the "emergency" created by the East Fork Quinault River being a wild river that the National Park Service has already decided to expend considerable effort and expense to move the chalet to a new location and retain it there in perpetuity, and that that decision will be made by this EA before the later analysis takes place as to the long-term future of this building.

For these reasons, Wilderness Watch requests that the National Park Service not proceed with the preferred alternative, but rather allow the Olympic Wilderness to reclaim the site "by the natural processes of weathering and vegetative recovery" and thereby improve the wilderness character of this Wilderness.

Please keep us informed of future decisions and comment opportunities for this issue.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: I endorse the proposed action and agree that it does not have significant environmental impact, and avoids significant adverse impacts which would occur if prompt action is not taken.

"Impacts on the Qualities of Wilderness Character" analysis fails to acknowledge that historic value is a Wilderness value, and that loss of the Chalet would have a major, long-term adverse impact on this value.

Remarkably, this EA fails to even briefly summarize the historic significance of Enchanted Valley Chalet or cite it's National Register of Historic Places listing, so that readers might begin to appreciate its significance. This is deferred to a subsequent EA on the long-term fate of the Chalet.

This "emergency" EA is necessary only because NPS ignored the warnings of its own hydrologist and cultural resources staff. "The only way to insure the Chalet's safety, in the short term and with any degree of certainty, is to relocate it immediately." wrote NPS regional hydrologist Paul Kennard in his memo of June 29, 2005. Instead, NPS closed its 2005 "Enchanted Valley Chalet Preservation Maintenance Environmental Assessment" without reaching a decision.

Many other wilderness cultural resources (listed in the NRHP and Olympic NP General Management Plan Appendix E List of Classified Structures) are similarly threatened by neglect. Fifteen Mile and Hyak Shelters on the Bogachiel River Trail have failing roofs. Pelton Creek Shelter on the Queets River Trail has collapsed. Twelve Mile Shelter on the North Fork Quinault Trail has been buried intact in flood gravels but could still be excavated, disassembled and reassembled on site. Gray Wolf Falls Shelter was burned down by arson but is fully documented and could be accurately reconstructed. Has the adverse effect of inaction on preservation and maintenance of these historic resources has been disclosed to the SHPO as required by the Programmatic Agreement? Volunteer groups have requested permission to take on some of these projects, but the Park has failed to respond.

It appears that inaction on these listed historic structures is as much a violation of the policy on cultural resources set in Olympic NP's 2008 General Management Plan, of NPS policy (NPS 28, Chapter 8, section C1c) and of the NHPA (36 CFR 800.5), and is an adverse effect required to be reported to the SHPO under the Programmatic Agreement, as would be inaction to save Enchanted Valley Chalet.

Simply defining these considerations as out of the scope of this EA does not make them nonsubstantive issues.

"Stewardship... the two most important and effective protective measures cannot be seen. The first is a positive, caring attitude toward cultural resources. Coupled with knowledge, such an attitude prepares every employee to act as a resource steward - recognizing threats, taking appropriate emergency action, and calling for assistance. The second measure is a spirit of cooperation that reaches out to form stewardship coalitions with local governments, professional organizations, state agencies, and nonprofit groups." - NPS-28, Cultural Resources Management Guidelines, Fundamentals, Essentials, Stewardship.

Correspondence ID: 126 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 16:21:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Foundation and Revegetation.

Several times, the EA mentions removing the "remaining non-historic foundation". It might be noted that, although the masonry surface has been repaired over the years, the bulk of it is the original 1930 foundation. I am not suggesting that any of it be preserved. It has been documented, so that a future environmental review may consider reconstructing it accurately as part of the Chalet's long-term preservation.

However, I also do not think the foundation needs to be removed. Until the river occupies the site (which might be within one year, and is very likely within a decade), it marks an historic site of significance to visitors. Environmental impacts of management actions to disassemble, remove and bury the foundation nearby or fly it out by helicopter are may be greater than abandoning it in place and allowing natural river processes to eventually reclaim it. The only practical means would be to fly in a compressor and jackhammer, sort the fragments, leaving the river rock and collecting the concrete fragments and flying them out by helicopter. Most of the foundation is river rock, mortared with concrete mixed on site from river sand taken from a sandbar upriver and a minimal quantity of cement (see attachment below). As it does fall into the river, it will return its natural rock and cobble to the river bed, with negligible additional environmental impact.

This is primarily an esthetic issue: balancing the sight of the concrete, against disturbance of the helicopter and jackhammer operations required to remove it.

Similarly, efforts to revegetate the site now occupied by the Chalet seem pointless. The site is likely to be washed away in part within a year, and entirely within a few years. Given that NPS wilderness revegetation manpower is finite, this futile effort will detract from other more beneficial projects within the Park, such as the revegetation of the former Lake Mills reservoir, Olympic Hot Springs Campground or various sites in Seven Lakes Basin. This will have a net negative environmental impact on Olympic Wilderness as a whole.

I request that the decision to invest resources in removing the foundation and revegetating the site be deferred to some indefinite future date, if the river has not taken the site and the course of the river appears stable. It could be considered in the subsequent EA on the long-term fate of the Chalet.

Attachment: Elvin Olson, interview by Mike Doherty, October 12, 1975 (Olympic NP oral history archives):

Mike Doherty: ...how big of trouble was it to get that concrete in and build the foundation?

Elvin Olson: It really wasn't a big job because he conserved on that. I packed up, oh I don't know, I suppose probably twenty or thirty sets [sacks] of cement was all when we built the big foundation under it. But we used rock. We went up the river and gathered rock and we put rock in and then mortar in around. So the bulk of it is just stone you know.

MD: Surrounded by concrete?

EO: Surrounded by concrete, yeah.

MD: And the foundation runs all the way around?

EO: It runs all the way around and then one through the middle.

MD: About how thick is it?

EO: The one up through the middle, as I remember it was about over a foot wide at the top. And the bottom one, the outside is... It must be at least fourteen feet, or fourteen inches on the top. Because the log that he trimmed up after the cedar log was about twelve foot or twelve inches on the base. And then that much on top. And he had it rounded on the outside just like a log.

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Correspondence:	This is not a substantive comment, only a minor footnote regarding Appendix H: Archaeological Sites, Enchanted Valley Chalet Vicinity Map.				

The USFS Enchanted Valley Chalet Recreation Unit survey by Robert D. Maclay dated May, 1928 [1] depicts a cabin on the southwestern boundary of the "hotel site". This is in the vicinity of the site identified as "Locus 1". Jim Taplin's 1932 "Olympic Trail Guide" map [2] also depicts "Ranger's Cabin" adjacent to "Olympic Rec. Co. Olson Bros." chalet in "Valley of 1000 Waterfalls, Enchanted Valley".

USFS constructed the East Fork Quinault Trail in 1925 [3]. Elvin Olson, in an oral history interview, said that the cabin was built by his brother, Teander Olson, when he was locating and constructing the trail for the Forest Service in the 1920s [4]. He reports that it was used as a USFS patrol cabin, trail shelter, and after the Chalet was constructed, was used to store saddles and tack. A photograph entitled "Enchanted Valley Shelter backside 1938", assumed to be of this structure, is in Olympic NP archives.

This cabin has not been extant for many decades, and the site is, as noted in the EA narrative, lost to the river.

[1] National Archives, Pacific-Alaska Region, Seattle, Record Group 95 (USFS Region 6), Historical Maps, 1908-1981 (ARC Identifier 5155902), Map Case Drawer B.

[2] "Jim Taplin's Olympic Trail Guide - Olympic Peninsula - Washington", map compiled by Jim Taplin, drawn by G. H. Paulson, Sept. 1932. Seattle Public Library, Downtown Branch, map collection, uncatalogued.

[3] Frank H. Lamb, et al., "Report of the Chalet Committee to the Hoquiam Chamber of Commerce", September 25, 1925, page 2. National Archives, Pacific-Alaska Region (Seattle), Record Group 95, USFS Region 6 Historical Collection, Box 67, file "Recreation, Olympic, 1925-1937".

[4] Elvin Olson, oral history interview by Mike Doherty, October 12, 1975, transcript pages 23, 24, 25 and 36, Olympic NP archives. Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes! Please save he chalet! Fond memories of hiking there.

Thank you!!!

Correspondence ID: 129 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 16:55:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It seems like a no-brainer to me. Move it, of course!

Correspondence ID: 130 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:13:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the temporary move (and, ideally, after study, the possible permanent relocation) of the Enchanted Valley Chalet. To my mind, the historical, cultural, safety, and environmental benefits of such a move vastly outweigh the laudable but short-sighted value in "letting nature takes its course". It seems clear this temporary move is the best option for the moment, and that permanent relocation might well be the best one for the future. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 131 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:15:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I fully support a temporary move of the Enchanted Valley Chalet. I hike to the Enchanted Valley annually, and I can't imagine going there and not seeing this awesome structure. I would hope that in the future the chalet could be permanently moved!

Correspondence ID: 132 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save it!

Correspondence ID: 133 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:21:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Personally I think moving the building is a good idea. Too many historic places have been lost to time and neglect. Its important to remember that we are the current stewards of history for future generations. I know the parks department is terribly underfunded. If funds are needed having a special fundraising event may help to offset the costs involved. I hope I am not the only one who would be willing to volunteer my efforts to help maintain our history. All we need is to be asked.

Correspondence ID: 134 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:21:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I fully support moving the chalet in as low ecologically disruptive manner as possible. I would like to see the building preserved in the long term if possible. I support the idea of Federal Funding be made available for these projects.

Correspondence ID: 135 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save a national treasure. This is a wonderful opportunity to preserve a priceless asset. Good use of tax dollars.

Correspondence ID: 136 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:28:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: just do it. preserve park historical sites and buildings whenever possible. maybe even a remodel to bring it back to its glory days without compromising the historic presense

Correspondence ID: 137 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:29:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support ONP's efforts to address the retention of the chalet and work within other NEPA requirements for the protection of natural resources.

Correspondence ID: 138 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:30:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the chalet needs to be moved to save the river and the chalet's history. The enchanted valley is beautiful and needs to be Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

preserved, that includes the river and buildings that mark the area.

Correspondence ID: 139 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:37:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have only visited the chalet and surrounding wilderness once (so far). That one time is all it took for me to be able to appreciate the uniqueness of the area and the significance of The Chalet. It is more than just a building. It is a beacon for backpackers passing through the valley, or an oasis in an emergency. Seeing the structure made me think about the backbreaking labor put into erecting such a magnificent edifice so far from civilization. The Chalet is an integral piece of the heaven known as The Enchanted Valley. I believe it reminds it's visitors of a time without cell phones, video games, and the constant hustle of the now daily life. You can sit in the grass and admire the care and labor involved in completing such an immense task, while relaxing in the sun contemplating life. I don't believe many buildings truly "belong" in the backcountry, but the chalet is on a short list that honestly complement it's surroundings. I am more than willing to offer my time, and back, towards the relocation effort. I would consider it an honor, in remembrance of those hard working individuals that laid the first logs. LONG LIVE THE CHALET!

Correspondence ID: 140 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:44:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support the proposal to move the Enchanted Valley Chalet 50 to 100 feet from the bank of the Quinault River using the method indicated in the EA's "Description of the Proposed Action", including the described use of helicopters.

The foregoing actions will help preserve the Quinault River and its wildlife and fish. The foregoing actions are also consistent with the Wilderness Act, which includes features of historical value, such as the Enchanted Valley Chalet, in the definition "wilderness" that the National Park Service is charged to protect for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 141 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 17:53:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please move the chalet. Preserve history for my grand children's children.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 142 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:00:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to voice my support for efforts being made to save the historic Enchanted Valley Chalet in Olympic National Park. A huge thank you to Olympic National Park for taking action to both protect the river and to allow time to evaluate long-term protection for the chalet.

The chalet, and incredibly important historic building, has served as a back country ranger station and a year-round emergency shelter for the past 60 years.

The Quinault River became a threat to the chalet almost 10 years ago, and in 2005 low-impact measures were taken resulting in protection to the chalet for the past 8 years.

I support the currently proposed action to temporarily move the chalet approximately 50-100 feet from the bank of the Quinault River and dismantle and remove the remaining foundation. This low-impact measure would temporarily mitigate the imminent collapse of the chalet into the river due to channel migration. This action would allow time to conduct additional review through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to determine the final disposition of the building, and additional National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) analysis on that determination.

The loss of this structure would be a tremendous blow to all those who use Olympic National Park and respect and honor its heritage. Please support any and all measures to save this irreplaceable structure.

Correspondence ID: 143 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:07:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It isn't just about protecting the water quality. It is also about saving an important part of ONP history. Move it or lose it. It's a no-brainer.

Correspondence ID: 144 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:07:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sarah Creachbaum
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Dear Superintendent Creachbaum,

Thank you for providing this opportunity to review and comment on the proposed expedited and concise environmental assessment (EA) entitled Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

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"Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet for the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River." It is encouraging to see the park take action to protect both the water quality of the river and allow time for evaluation and potential protection of the Chalet which for 60 years has served as ranger station and emergency shelter. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a statewide advocacy group dedicated to preserving the historic and cultural resources of Washington. As part of our advocacy efforts for the Enchanted Valley Chalet, the Trust has identified this iconic log structure as one of state's most endangered historic buildings for 2014.

This is not the first time the park has acted to protect both the river and the chalet. In 2003, a similar threat occurred when a channel of the river was directed at the chalet. After a measured, low impact response in 2005, the river and chalet were protected for another eight years. Hopefully this action will allow the park to develop another similarly successful plan.

To help with achieving that success, the EA has been reviewed and we would like to offer several observations/recommendations. To make the document stronger and to prepare for the next analysis, we suggest that park address the following points.

â€¢ The EA should note that cultural as well as natural resources will be protected from environmental harm. (Page 6, paragraph 1)

â€¢ The EA should note that Enchanted Valley Chalet has been a back country ranger station for at least 60 years and during that time has served as a four season emergency shelter. (Page 6, paragraph 1)

â€¢ The EA should correct the misinformation that the foundation is non historic. The foundation was part of the original construction and dates to 1930. It is because of the foundation that the structure has survived in such good condition since that time. (Page 8, paragraph 1 and all following reference to "non-historic foundation")

â€¢ The EA should note that major cyclical maintenance completed on the structure in 2010 resulted in the building being rated in good condition. This effort replaced the roof and repaired rotted logs improving the interior to provide enhanced seasonal ranger quarters. (Page 6)

â€¢ The EA should note the extent of local support for preservation of the chalet over the years, including the efforts of Olympians of Aberdeen to raise needed funds and contribute donated labor for extensive maintenance completed in 1983. (Page 6)

â€¢ The last sentence of the EA's purpose and need section should be rewritten. At present, the document discusses a follow-up analysis "to assess options for the final disposition of the chalet." Use of the term "disposition" implies a specified intent/outcome for the follow-up analysis. We feel a phrase such as "to provide appropriate management of natural and cultural resources" would be more appropriate. (Page 7, paragraph 1)

â€¢ The EA should clarify the extent to which the proposed relocation plan has been independently reviewed by appropriate engineers as needed. At least two major repairs have been implemented to the chalet and it would be prudent to assure the proposed relocation plans do not inadvertently damage the chalet during the moving process. (Page 8, paragraph 2 and page 27, paragraph 4)

â€¢ The EA should clarify the statement that the building is unsafe for personnel. It is certainly reasonable and prudent to close the building to unnecessary public and staff access, but was this determination of condition made by a structural engineer following an onsite visit by the engineer? (Page 27, paragraph 3)

â€¢ The EA should clarify what actions were taken in 2005. Specifically, it should note that the actual alternative implemented in 2005 did not include construction of additional gravel banks, did not undertake in-stream work and did not employ rip rap. Such actions were ruled out given the uncertainty associated with each. Additionally the 2005 alternative was implemented without the use of helicopters. Thus in 2005, only those actions that would have minimal resource impacts for natural, cultural and wilderness values were employed. (Page 6)

â€¢ The EA should present in the "Alternatives considered but not analyzed further" section, alternatives that reflect minimal manipulation (2005), moderate manipulation (2014), and extensive manipulation alternatives. It would be reasonable to separate a minimum manipulation alternative based on the 2005 alternative as that alternative had been previously approved, had been implemented, and had been successful. (Page 12)

â€¢ The EA should clarify the order of events this spring. It would appear that sometime before January 4, 2014, there was a river event that resulted in erosion. Then some time prior to March 13, 2014, there was a second event which undercut the building. Around March 13, the windows and other materials were removed from the building. What actions onsite did the park take between January 4 when the erosion was posted on Facebook and March 13 when the windows, fuel and other materials were removed from the chalet? (Page 6, paragraph 4-5)

â€¢ The EA should clarify the level of fluvial geomorphic documentation. Understanding the local micro geomorphic topography was important to protecting the building in 2005. It appears that all the geomorphic analysis has been done from the air at relatively high elevation. Have the geomorphologists been on site in the valley? (Page 6)

â€¢ The EA should clarify the Cumulative Impacts statements which imply that there will be no further administrative use impacts. Will there continue to be a ranger camp or station in the Enchanted Valley from this time forward? If there will be continued administrative use in the valley, including a ranger camp, this sentence needs to be rewritten to reflect ongoing administrative uses of the valley. (Page 14, paragraph 2 and all following Cumulative Impact sections)

â€¢ The EA should clarify its statement that removal of the remaining foundation will protect water quality, fish habitat and natural flow regimes. There appears to be less than 4 yards of material remaining in the foundation. The park is placing considerably more material into the Elwha River and that material is not seen as affecting water quality or fish habitat. As active as the Quinault is, any piece of foundation will be quickly rounded and ground up as it is in the Elwha. (Page 25, paragraph 1)

Thank you again for providing this opportunity to review the EA. We hope that these comments help the park in clarifying and strengthening this EA. We wish you well in moving the chalet out of harm's way and protecting the river. We look forward to the next step determining future management of the Enchanted Valley Chalet.

Sincerely,

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Chris Moore
Executive Director
Washington Trust for Historic Preservation

Correspondence ID: 145 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:11:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet. Protect habitat, and preserve a magical piece of our history. My parents and I have great memories of visiting this chalet in our youths, and now get to pass on that magic to our children/grandchildren. Relocating the chalet saves habit and memories.

Sincerely,
Dawn Bustanoby

Correspondence ID: 146 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:12:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

The Enchanted Valley Chalet, located in the heart of Olympic National Park, is significant for its association with the recreational development of the wild and remote interior of the Olympic Mountains. The Olympic Recreation Company completed the chalet in 1931, operating it as a seasonal wilderness hostel for the company's guide services to backcountry destinations throughout the Quinault River Valley. One of the guests on these expeditions was Asahel Curtis, a famous Northwest photographer. His photos of the Olympics and surrounding areas introduced the nation to the beauty of the Olympic Mountains and played a significant role in the support for and designation of Olympic National Park. The structure is intrinsically linked not only to the history of the area, but of the designation and preservation of the wilderness itself.

I would like to see the building safely relocated within the valley away from the river. If the Chalet were to be removed from the Enchanted Valley and out of its original context, it would lose much of its historic significance and meaning. The area's designated wilderness status should not prohibit us from making a substantial effort to preserve this structure and set a positive precedent for the proper stewardship of historic park buildings. We have lost so many wonderful park structures in recent decades, making the Chalet a rare symbol and physical remnant of our predecessors who hiked Enchanted Valley before us and recognized the significance of its beauty even then.

The temporary relocation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet is a necessary step in the right direction. Moving the Chalet would give the NPS additional time to determine the best permanent solution for the preservation of the structure, hopefully keeping it within the Enchanted Valley. As we seek a long-term solution for the Chalet in a river valley that is constantly changing, we must do our best to preserve now and count on the next generation to do the same. The Chalet may need to be moved again as the river continues to shift course through the decades, but that is the nature of preserving our history: we must keep attending to it so we remember it and do not lose it.

As someone who has had the wonderful pleasure of hiking to the Chalet and enjoying its stunning presence in person, I can honestly say I have seen nothing else like it and it would be a terrible tragedy to lose it to the river or to a short-sighted/rushed dismantling.

Respectfully,
Jennifer

Correspondence ID: 147 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:13:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do move the Chalet.

Correspondence ID: 148 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:14:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes please move the chalet. It's much a part of the Enchanted Valley.

Correspondence ID: 149 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:16:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Greetings,

I very much love this place and have devoted my life to making Grays Harbor (GH) a better place for all. This is done through a host of ways like our Non-profit center (Gregorian Group), partners, other groups we formed (Friends of Parks groups), our hiking/ biking/ camping clubs, helping to preserve our outdoor opportunities for generations to come and many other ways.

The Chalet has been an important part of our history for over 80 years and that is an amazing thing. I feel strongly it needs to be kept in tact to further reach our next generations and tell the story about itself and utilize the enchantment to further promote nature and a whole new group that appreciates the great assets we enjoy here in Grays Harbor!

After visiting the Chalet with a team in April, I am even more certain this local and Nationally Historic structure deserves to be preserved! The emergency EA will allow time for us to gather the very best data, options and resources to do this right.

I am for moving it out of harms way, completing the second EA and then taking care of business. I am 100% aainst tearing it down or preserving only a part of it.

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I have offered my help in any way possible. I work on several teams and we have put together resources and PR for this project. We are also willing to be on the ground assisting with this project at each level and each step. I have given NPS and others my assurance we are committed to this project and will do everything we can to see it to completion (as we have done thus far).

There has been an open line of communication with ONP staff and it is much appreciated. A two-way street gets us all there quicker! I thank officials for taking action to protect both the river and for allowing time to evaluate long-term protection for the chalet.

Many of us feel that the river threatened the chalet about 10 years ago, and in 2005 low-impact measures were taken resulting in protection to the chalet for the past 8 years. We feel low-impact solutions do exist and that some extraordinary steps might need to be looked at (solutions, equipment, helicopter, horse teams, people, support items, future shoring up, etc.)protection to the river while protecting the Chalet.

The chalet has served as a back country ranger station and a four season emergency shelter for the past 60 years and should continue to do so if we are able to find a lasting solution.

Speaking of a lasting solution, I'd like to share my thoughts for the long-term.

If possible, my first choice would be to keep it in the Enchanted Valley off toward the base of the mountain or even elevated. I do not have the full picture not all the expertise to speak to "how" but I do know there has to be measures that all groups can agree to. I would urge there to be a multi-level team of experts that you can extract a combined concept from.

My second choice would be to move it to the Kestner Homestead in either the rear meadow or to the North meadow. It would be in a like setting and could tell the story of not only the Enchanted Valley but the story of the Quinault area. This would also be a great addition to the wonderful Kestner tour and would bring another asset.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak to this project. I urge you to proceed in an expedited manner to get this situation toward a manageable status.

Respectfully yours,
Gregory Johnson
Citizen that cares!

Gregorian Group
Team leader, founder
www.GregorianGroup.org

We also work with dozens of other groups directly or that are a part of our group.

Correspondence ID: 150 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is important to preserve this piece of North Olympic Peninsula history.

Correspondence ID: 151 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:43:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do it. It is the only way to protect both river and chalet.

Correspondence ID: 152 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 18:57:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do go ahead and move the Chalet. I appreciate the protection of the riverbed, have faith that personnel will take great care during the work, and would love to see the Chalet safely reinstalled in a nearby location. Thank you for taking care of this beautiful part of our world.

Correspondence ID: 153 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 19:20:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

Please move the building temporarily if necessary, but more importantly, PERMANENTLY. There is nothing sacred about the GPS position where this historical landmark has stood. It would be stupid to see it swallowed by the river. The building is part of the park; part of our culture; part of the wilderness. Move it- -once permanently, or twice if necessary.

Correspondence ID: 154 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 19:25:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Please take action to protect and preserve the Enchanted Valley chalet. It is an important historical and logistical asset to Olympic National Park. I strongly Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

believe it deserves immediate attention and resources. It is one of the most special places I have been in the backcountry of olympic national park.

Thank you,

Scott Chichester

Correspondence ID: 155 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 19:29:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As avid hikers in the Olympics, my wife and I have visited the Chalet nearly every year for the past decade. Our historic structures in the Olympics deserve to be preserved. Letting the structure collapse into the river doesnt do the river any good and would be a shameful way to dispose of a piece of history. The proposed work would have a short term limited impact on the wilderness area. The animals in the area are habituated to humans anyway and i cannot imagine the small amount of noise would have any lasting impact on the habitat. Please preserve our historic structures for future generations to visit and enjoy!

Correspondence ID: 156 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 19:31:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If you plan on using ANY power equipment you are not in compliance with the Wilderness act. I would also suggest you look at NEPA. I doubt you are in compliance. There is no long term solution that is viable in a braided river valley. Let nature take it coarse. The Park has plenty of other work where the money would be put to better use. Many of your trails are in need of serious work. Building do not belong in a wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 157 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 19:38:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the chalet for future generations. Will also held protect fish stock that depend on the river being human waste free.. It is a build that needs saving and placing on the national historic list.

Correspondence ID: 158 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 19:51:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the move of the chalet. It is part of our local history and should be preserved like many of the national historic sites in the east. I support the wilderness but this is just as important. I have been a hiker for over 50 years and started out in the Olympics. Please save this important piece of the Olympics.

Correspondence ID: 159 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 20:14:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the effort to move the Enchanted Valley Chalet away from the river. Like the Green Mountain Lookout near my hometown(recently saved by a unanimous vote by the House and Senate) the Chalet is part of the fabric of the Olympic Wilderness and its potential loss would impact the character of the wilderness. So few of these structures remain in our National Parks and Forests, that I feel it is imperative to do what we can to protect, at least, those listed properties. The use of motorized equipment on this project is warranted as this action is time critical. Use of the light helicopter will allow the crew to complete the project safely.

As a listed Historic Property, I feel that the Minimum Requirement Analysis should also have addressed the wilderness character of the Chalet as an "Other Feature of Value" per the current interagency MRDG process. I look forward to seeing this discussion in the next phase of this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to the Chalet being relocated soon and hope to visit it in the future.

Correspondence ID: 160 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 20:54:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please follow through with the plan. The historic element aside, the chalet is too valuable of a resource to lose. It must be preserved.

Correspondence ID: 161 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 21:37:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to support the preservation of the Enchanted Valley Chalet in Olympic National Park. First, I would like to thank officials at Olympic National Park for taking action at this time to protect both the river and provide the necessary time to evaluate solutions that will result in the long-term protect of the Chalet. I would also note that the natural movement of the East Fork Quinault River has threatened the Chalet in the recent past. Low-impact measures were taken at that time that resulted in the protection of the Chalet for almost a decade. Similar low-impact options do exist, but I encourage you to consider all possible options to save this historic resource. While I can appreciate the architecture and history of the building and its significance to Olympic National Park, it would mean little if it did not also serve a valuable role as a back country ranger station and a four season emergency shelter for the past 60 years. As a lifelong resident of Washington State, I value the the scenic and natural beauty of Olympic National Park, but I also value those buildings that tell the story of those who made it what it is today and still provide a working link to its past.

Correspondence ID: 162 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you, ONP officials for taking action to protect both the river and for allowing time to evaluate long-term protection for the Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

Enchanted Valley chalet.

The Quinalt river threatened the chalet about 10 years ago, and in 2005 low-impact measures were taken resulting in protection to the chalet for the past 8 years. Low-impact solutions have been explored and simply do not exist.

The chalet has served as a back country ranger station and a four season emergency shelter for the past 60 years.

I have been to the wonderful Enchanted Valley and much of its charm is due to the long standing Chalet. It would be heinous to let such a treasure be destroyed due to inaction.

Correspondence ID: 163 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 21:46:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Move the chalet the necessary amount.

Correspondence ID: 164 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a paled that saving one of the parks most historic features is not more of a priority. Very disappointed on the lack of action for the park services.

Correspondence ID: 165 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 22:07:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This building and valley hold significant historic value for my family. I support the idea to move the Chalet to help preserve it from falling into the Quinalt River. Especially as this will also help protect the wildlife and river from damage of the Chalet falling into the river. It is an important part of the pacific north west history and should be cherished and preserved for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 166 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 22:16:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree that it would make sense to move the Chalet the proposed 50-100 feet away from the river to save this historic building and preserve the both the river and the building

Correspondence ID: 167 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 22:30:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes by all means move the Enchanted Valley chalet. Monroe Brothers out of Quilcene can do it. And they can do it again if necessary. It was at risk the day it was built. So what. All the roads and bridges are too. Trying to erase all the ONP history is tiresome and elitist. The trade off for the ONP and other beautiful places is that people have to go to them to love them and want to keep them. I've hiked across my ONP for fifty years. Don't lock me out...

Correspondence ID: 168 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 22:36:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support moving the chalet. I hiked there in 2004 on a gear test hike with my son before we hiked the PCT in 2006.

Correspondence ID: 169 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 22:42:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Move it so we don't lose it.

Correspondence ID: 170 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for taking action to protect the river and allowing some time to evaluate protecting the chalet long term.

The chalet has been a back country ranger and emergency shelter for 60 years and I would hope that it can serve this purpose on into the future.

In certain situations it could be a life saver.

Thanks again,

Craig

Correspondence ID: 171 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As someone who derives great pleasure from the out doors in this ever fast changing world, I believe it is truly important not to forget

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everything that has happened before us. It's easy to say, the chalet is old, it's deep in the woods, who really cares. I know the chalet is to far away for most peoples willingness to explore. I believe their are still those who value the effort people put in to creating something that will last thru time sharing a magnificently beautiful location. I believe it is now our turn to help pass on that piece of history for the generations to follow.

Correspondence ID: 172 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think this is a great idea to try to preserve this bit of history. I visited the Enchanted Valley in 2005 before the river had drastically started to move toward the chalet. Not many structures like this remain in Washington saving it is the right thing to do.

Correspondence ID: 173 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 23:07:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please relocate the chalet to a safe place where it will stand for many more years. If I can help with a donation of money or labor please let me know.

Correspondence ID: 174 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 23:11:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do this. Protect the river. Save the chalet.

Correspondence ID: 175 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,02,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: Having recently visited Enchanted Valley, I do hope that everything possible is being done to save this part of our history here. Put that building on logs, tie some ropes and I'll help pull it to safety! Plus you can consider restoring the wolves so the elk keep moving and tromping down vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 176 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: Jun,05,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Dear Ms. Creachbaum:

Once again Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO) is comfortable in endorsing the comments of our complementary sister group Olympic Park Associates. OPA has thought out the situation very well and OFCO strongly concurs.

From the perspective of OFCO's Wilderness committee, the situation is sacrilege for those of us schooled in the western intellectual tradition of naturalism; in the teachings of John Muir and Aldo Leopold. The ministering of the Wilderness Act was intended to establish places where nature can take its course. The natural disintegration of an old human intrusion in Wilderness should be considered a moment to observe - to view as a teaching opportunity. Or if it is perceived inappropriate to enable natural disintegration, dismantling or burning seem appropriate options. But today society seemingly has come to prefer value preserving mental images of Wilderness intrusions unseen, as historic bits of old school western romanticism.

Once again, politics interferes. The meaning of Wilderness is lost in a society that no longer values the imagination of wild places; untrammelled places. "To be in Wilderness as a visitor who shall not remain" is apparently felt by only a small minority today. Watching human impact fade away in a few places has always been a sense of satisfaction for some of us, but the majority disagree, clearly not understanding what is wilderness. Roderick Nash's "Wilderness and the American Mind needs a contemporary chapter.

Superintendent Creachbaum, OFCO respects your best efforts in dealing with the Chalet situation.

Thank you for striving for an ideal.

Correspondence ID: 177 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,29,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Creachbaum,
I am writing to you to express my sincere hope that you will do everything possible to preserve the historic, National Register listed Enchanted Valley Chalet. Please include this email as part of the official public record.

The historic structure is an icon in the Quinault valley and provides the public with evidence of the park's cultural heritage and history. The park is entrusted by the public to care for its National Register listed properties and this one is truly unique and worthy of preservation. When it is gone it is gone forever. This is a special historic building that tells a unique aspect of peninsula history. There isn't another building like it in the Pacific Northwest, really.

The chalet also serves an important administrative function for backcountry operations, so hopefully this will be another reason to maintain this unique structure so future generations can see and learn and experience how people in the past used the Olympic mountains and what they thought was important and worthy of doing in their day. While we would never encourage the building of such a structure today for various reasons, it doesn't mean we should remove it today, not when we can still protect and preserve it. It is an important piece of our history, and our past is an important thing to understand. It is a legacy that the American public inherited, and NPS is charged with preserving it. If the NPS doesn't set the example of preserving what is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, who will?

Usually the wilderness voices prevail for removing all evidence of human activity and construction from every inch of Olympic's backcountry, but I hope you find a balance and remember Olympic's above ground cultural heritage and resources have equal value. This can be an educational opportunity for Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River

students and teachers alike...effects of climate change on our resources...both natural and cultural. Be strong and fight for these unique cultural resources entrusted to you on behalf of all of us!

thank you for your consideration and adding this to the public record.

Correspondence ID: 178 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: I could not find a page on commenting on preservation of a building on the Quinault River. In West Richland the Yakima River is held back by posts sunk into the river bank. You can granite by Grand Coulee Dam that is huge. Sinka subfloor 150 yards back and set posts into place besides what is set into the river. Leave 2 foot thick foundation and raise the building on a earthen foundation and leave a record of this. Or move it completely.

Correspondence ID: 179 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,26,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: I contacted you about fixing your river cabin problem. What you need to do also is build drains away from your cabin. Build the raised foundation with rock from Grand Coulee Dam and a load bearing balcony. Build any wood shed up out of the wet and well away from your cabin

Correspondence ID: 180 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
Received: May,30,2014 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: re: Enchanted Valley Chalet EA

Issues which may have potential detrimental effects to water quality and riparian health:

> wood preservative applied to entire exterior of structure on two occasions, if I read all that correctly. the wood preservative was supposed to be made of a non-toxic substance. (?)

> tin flashing installed under kitchen cabinets to prevent mice from getting into stored food and other items. tin? or galvanized metal sheeting?

> metal screening installed to keep rodents out. galvanized?

> glass windows were removed (?).

> metal wood stove remains in interior of cabin (?).

> interior walls and floors were painted in 1983-1984 restoration. any idea what type of paint was used? specifically "gray floor paint"? latex or oil based?

> aluminum flashing installed around brick chimney.

> cement foundation.

> metal nails, screws, bolts, hinges, hardware: hot-dipped zinc galvanized? plain steel? cadmium plated?

> solar panels removed?

> metal tubing tower on which solar panels were mounted removed? sure looked to me like zinc-coated pipe, similar to tower at Queets Ranger Station.

concrete cement leaches about 99% of its lime content within the first couple of decades. the remaining 1% is leached out over the following 10,000 years. (pers. comm. cement contractor in consultation regarding repair of cinderblock chimney near Mt. Rainier 2006.)

if I nail a zinc strip to the ridge beam of the house, it will leach down all over the roof and kill the moss, right?
how can that be a good thing for those poor little fishies?

all things considered, I just can't see how allowing the structure to fall into the river could be a good thing from an environmental/water quality/riparian health standpoint. the net long-term effects may be negligible, but I just can't see how allowing any type of foreign substance to enter the stream could be of possible benefit to anadromous salmonids or other aquatic species.

another thing to consider is that it would take decades for all that material to work its way downstream. in the meantime it will look like hell in an area where the "natural landscape" is supposed to be something of value. we had a cabin up on the Nisqually that went down the ditch in 1996- looked like bloody hell and made an awful mess.

move it. I have no issues with the use of helicopters to fly in materials and/or manpower.

thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 181 **Project:** 51774 **Document:** 59081
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Emergency Action to Temporarily Relocate the Enchanted Valley Chalet For the Protection of the East Fork Quinault River
Environmental Assessment - Public Correspondence Report

Correspondence: Greetings. The purpose of my writing is to express my support for the preservation of the chalet building located in Enchanted Valley of the Olympic National Park. I believe it is in our nation's historical interest to preserve this amazing structure that was built before the area was designated a national monument and national park. Those of us who enjoy hiking and trekking throughout our park system look forward to seeing these structures on each hike. They are important reminders of our park's history and connect us with the park's creation. Sometimes as a nation, as community, we do things not because it makes financial sense but because it is the right thing to do. Preservation of this structure certainly does not make financial sense but it is the clearly right thing to do. What would President Roosevelt do?

The funding for preserving this structure is available from private sources. As protectors of our nations treasures, you have the ability to facilitate or allow private fund raising for this project. Please lend the power of your respective offices to encourage private fundraising to save this structure. Please expedite any permit processes that need to be satisfied.

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I am commenting on the proposal to temporarily move the Enchanted Valley ranger station in Olympic National Park.

I just returned from a backpack to Enchanted Valley last weekend. Obviously, the chalet is in danger of collapsing into the Quinault River, so something must be done. I question, though, whether a temporary move is the correct alternative.

It seems to me that the ultimate solution is to dismantle the structure. I understand there is historic significance to this building. However, it is not part of the natural environment. Accordingly, the environmental and natural aesthetic of a national park should take precedence. There is no need for the chalet as current needs of the public and the park are being met without it. It seems a waste of taxpayer money to do anything other than to remove this structure.

To save cost even further, I wonder if there is not an even simpler alternative. If all environmentally hazardous materials are removed from the structure, it could be allowed to be reclaimed by the river. The materials comprising the chalet appear to be mostly wood. What is the difference between having sawn and shaped wood falling into the river and having a tree falling into the river, a common occurrence?
