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Public Welcome to Comment on Environmental Remediation Effort Proposed at Historic Dump Site within Sequoia National Park

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, CA – The public is welcome to comment on an environmental remediation effort being considered by the National Park Service (NPS), in coordination with Environmental Cost Management, Inc. (ECM), at the former Lower Kaweah dump site within the Giant Forest area of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI), in Tulare County, California. The historic dump was established in the 1930s, closed in the 1960s, and capped in the early 1990s. An additional site assessment conducted in May 2014 indicated that leaving the dump area in its present condition could pose an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment. For more information or to make electronic comments, visit the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>. In addition, public information is available at the Visalia Branch Library, 200 West Oak Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291-4931, Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have specific questions or concerns related to this project, contact ECM Representative Holly Trejo at htrejo@ecostmanage.com or (510) 964-4399 or SEKI's Occupational Health and Safety Manager Todd Payne at (559) 565-3108. All written comments about this project must be transmitted, postmarked, or hand-delivered by February 16, 2015.

To submit written comments, send them by mail or hand-deliver to: Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Attn: Lower Kaweah Remediation Action, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Faxed comments will be accepted at (559) 565-4202. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The NPS is in the process of assessing this site in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The CERCLA process has a key community outreach component, established by Congress in 1986, to ensure that citizens living or working near CERCLA sites are given the opportunity to influence decisions affecting their community.

As part of the additional site assessment conducted in May 2014, an Engineering Evaluation/ Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Report was prepared and supports a Non-Time Critical Removal Action. The EE/CA Report recommends Alternative 4 – Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of the waste material contained within the dump. Waste materials would be properly disposed at an approved off-site disposal facility.

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