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Public Welcome to Comment on Proposed Hazard Tree Mitigation Project for Kings Canyon National Park

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, CA – The public is welcome to comment on a proposed project by the National Park Service (NPS) to mitigate tree hazards by (primarily) removing dead and dying trees that pose a risk to public safety in the Cedar Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. A total of 1,126 trees, mostly ponderosa pine and white fir (no giant sequoias), are currently identified as hazards and recommended for mitigation in Cedar Grove due to drought and bark beetle mortality. For more information or to make electronic comments, visit the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>. If you have specific questions or concerns related to this project, contact Nancy Hendricks at 559-565-3102. A 30-day public comment period starts on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. All written comments about this project must be transmitted, postmarked, or hand-delivered by February 27, 2015. For more information, please visit the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>.

To respond electronically, submit your comments via the PEPC website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>. To submit hard-copy written comments, you may send them via mail or hand-deliver to: Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Attn: Cedar Grove Tree Hazard Mitigation, 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 interested in any public concerns, potential issues, or opportunities related to the proposed tree hazard mitigation. *After analyzing comments received during scoping, the NPS will determine the level of analysis needed.*

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