



PURPOSE AND NEED

Bridalveil Fall is the first major waterfall that visitors encounter upon entering the iconic Yosemite Valley. The purpose of the Bridalveil Fall Area Rehabilitation Project is to:

- Improve visitor services at the base of the waterfall, including restroom facilities
- Improve accessibility for all
- Protect natural and cultural resources in the area
- Reduce crowding on the trails and the viewing platform
- Improve safety and reduce vehicular/pedestrian conflicts
- Improve interpretation and wayfinding

The project will implement actions prescribed in the *Merced River Plan (2014)* for the Bridalveil Fall area.

The environmental assessment for the project will consider options such as a loop trail system to reduce crowding and enhance viewing opportunities; an accessible path of travel to an expanded viewing platform; a redesigned existing parking area within its existing footprint for more efficient parking; and measures to improve visitor safety and accessibility. The project will also consider changing the existing vault toilets to flush toilets, which would require installation of a mile-long sewer line under Southside Drive.

