

# Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Bearpaw Visitor Contact Station Project PEPC ID Number: 74590 January 2018

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The National Park Service (NPS) is initiating public scoping on a proposal to replace a dilapidated wilderness visitor contact station (ranger station) located at the Bearpaw High Sierra Camp in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The existing ranger station is located at the Bearpaw High Sierra Camp, a concessioner-operated overnight camp within a designated potential wilderness addition (DPWA). The High Sierra Camp is most commonly accessed via the popular High Sierra Trail and is 11 miles from the trailhead at Crescent Meadow. The project is designed to replace a failing structure with one that is more sustainable and compatible with the period of significance for the Bearpaw High Sierra Camp Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 21, 2016.

This project is part of the implementation of the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Stewardship Plan, approved in 2015.

The NPS is interested in any public concerns, potential issues, or opportunities related to the proposed project. After analyzing comments received during scoping, the NPS will determine the level of analysis needed.

Please provide comments through this website, or submit written comments to: Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Attn: Bearpaw Visitor Contact Station Project, 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.

If you have any specific questions regarding this project proposal, you may contact Nancy Hendricks, environmental protection specialist, at (559) 565-3102.

Figure 1. Below is a photo of existing historic ranger station (left) which is used by the concessioner as part of the operation of the High Sierra Camp, and the non-historic visitor contact station (A-frame) that is used by NPS wilderness operations staff.



Figure 2. Below is a photo of the Bearpaw High Sierra Camp including several tent cabins.



Figure 3. Below is a photo of the Crabtree Ranger Station which is representative of the typical wilderness visitor contact station in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.



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