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Sequoia National Park Seeks Public Comment: Wolverton and Mineral King Corrals

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Calif. March 5, 2018 – The National Park Service (NPS) is initiating public scoping on two projects that would convert two existing administrative corrals to visitor stock use facilities at Wolverton and Mineral King in Sequoia National Park.

These projects would increase overnight front county stock facilities to accommodate equestrian access to park trails and wilderness. The projects would convert two existing administrative corrals to visitor stock use facilities, expand the parking areas to allow for truck and trailer parking and turnaround space, divide the existing corral space to accommodate one to two stock groups, and provide one to two campsites for short-term use. The campsites would be included in the NPS reservation system and would be open to visitors with stock.

These projects are the first of several to be implemented as part of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan, approved in 2015, which will enhance recreational opportunities for visitors who wish to use horses, mules, llamas, or burros as part of their park experience.

Sequoia National Park is interested in any public concerns, potential issues, or opportunities related to these proposed projects. After analyzing comments received during scoping, the park will determine the level of analysis needed.

To obtain supplemental information about the proposed projects, or to provide comments, please visit the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) websites. If you would like to comment on both projects, you may do so on either site.

For Wolverton: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/SEKI_Wolverton_Corral

For Mineral King: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MK_Corrals

Written comments may be sent via mail or hand-delivery to:

Superintendent Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Attn: Wolverton and Mineral King Corrals 47050 Generals Highway Three Rivers, CA 93271

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Written comments may also be faxed to (559) 565-4202.

All written comments about this project must be transmitted, postmarked, or hand-delivered by April 4, 2018.

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 proposal, please contact Nancy Hendricks, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (559) 565-3102.

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About Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

These two parks, which lie-side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada in Central California, serve as a prime example of nature's size, beauty, and diversity. Over 1.8 million visitors from across the U.S. and the world visit these parks for the world's largest trees (by volume), grand mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, the highest point in the lower 48 states, and more. Learn more at http://www.nps.gov/seki or 559-565-3341.

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