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The National Park Service is Requesting Comments from the Public for a Proposed Bridge Replacement in Cedar Grove Village

Three Rivers, CA – Superintendent Craig C. Axtell announces that Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks propose to replace the 1930's era, 140-foot bridge spanning the Kings River at Cedar Grove Village in Kings Canyon National Park. The purpose of this project is 1) to provide safe, durable, sustainable passage for vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and utilities crossing the South Fork of the Kings River at Cedar Grove Village, and 2) to improve the river's ability to flow in a wild and natural course to better protect the river's outstandingly remarkable values as a National Wild and Scenic River.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Park Service is initiating preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) for this project. The EA will analyze and disclose potential impacts of alternatives for replacing the bridge.

The National Park Service is soliciting input from organizations, agencies, and individuals as part of the scoping process. The purpose of scoping is to identify the range of issues to be addressed in the EA as well as potential alternatives for the project. The public is invited to direct concerns or comments regarding this project to the Park in writing by sending an e-mail to seki_planning@nps.gov, or through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>, or mailed to: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Planning and Compliance Office, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271-9651. Please include the phrase "Cedar Grove Bridge Replacement" at the top of your comment or in your e-mail subject line.

Scoping comments are requested by January 19, 2009. Once the scoping period concludes, all comments submitted will be considered, and a range of alternatives to replace the bridge will be developed. The public, agencies, and other interested parties will have an opportunity to review and comment on the range of alternatives before they are finalized.

Before including an address, phone number, email 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. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

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