



Retain a designated paved helipad on the eastern end of the current airstrip to be used for emergency and administrative operations. Expand in accordance with FAA regulations if required.

Remove the existing asphalt airstrip and direct all aircraft to the Furnace Creek Airport 18 air miles to the southeast. Use the eastern end of the former airstrip (closest to the campground) for interpretive programs, such as night sky viewing. Potential improvements in this area could include an ABAAS-compliant loading/unloading area for equipment, limited parking, a vault toilet, and visual barriers to reduce the potential impact of headlights from CA-190 and Cottonwood Canyon Road. Restore disturbed areas with native seeds and plant materials.

Improve the campground to increase privacy at each site, provide additional site amenities, and improve walking paths, traffic flow, and accessibility. Provide delineated parking and camping areas at each campsite. Redesign the campsites to allow for an adequate buffer zone between and around each campsite for surface drainage and privacy (this would result in a reduced number of campsites). Redesign roads for better circulation, add sidewalks for increased pedestrian safety, and make comfort stations and several campsites ABAAS compliant. Demolish the existing comfort station and replace in a location appropriate to the redesign. Add a second comfort station to better accommodate the number of visitors. The comfort stations would provide potable water, sanitary sewer, and electricity. Create a formal group site. In the future, potentially expand the campground to the east to include sites for larger RVs with electric and water hookups, subject to the availability of water.

Construct a new visitor contact station with exhibit space, an interpretive sales area, public restrooms, and an expanded outdoor area for 24-hour visitor information and fee payment. Make the visitor contact station and restrooms accessible. Create a visitor day use area with shade structures, picnic area, backcountry information, interpretive waysides, trash receptacles, and an amphitheater. Reconfigure the parking to improve circulation and provide a drop-off area. Parking spots would be delineated.

Improve the advance signs approaching Stovepipe Wells from both directions on CA-190 to give drivers a visual cue that a developed area is approaching and install a speed feedback sign to alert drivers to slow down in the developed area. Install a painted pedestrian crosswalk using high-visibility crosswalk markings across CA-190, install overhead lighting, and define the crosswalk with flush roadside islands and fencing. Install a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon to alert drivers to the crosswalk. Over time, mumble strips could be installed to alert drivers of the developed area, if deemed necessary to improve safety.

Improve the sewage lagoon to replace critical components, upgrade essential equipment, and increase system capacity of the wastewater collection and treatment system.

Demolish the existing visitor contact station.

Install an accessible trail connecting Stovepipe Wells Village and Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes.

Add a second above-ground fuel tank for diesel fuel and expand the fuel dispensing area. Realign the existing parking lot and access to the gas station from CA-190 to improve safety and access.

Define pedestrian walkways in front of the Stovepipe Wells Village Hotel with flush roadside islands and fencing. Improve pool by replacing lining and shade coverings.

The existing blockhouse would be replaced and visually screened. A fire suppression system would be added to the hotel registration area and curio shop. The pool would be sealed, and some new shade structures installed in the pool area.

Construct a new dormitory building that would accommodate employees with shared living space, laundry, and storage. Renovate the existing employee RV sites to include site amenities and improvements. Relocate the NPS administrative RV sites based on operational efficiency and the anticipated use of the sites.

Replace the existing emergency services building with a larger facility, including a small maintenance shop and office space.

Upgrade the existing reverse osmosis water treatment facility to extend the life of the building; construct a new reverse osmosis water treatment building in the future.

Main Dike

Reverse Osmosis Building
Water Treatment Plant Dike

Repair the main and water plant dikes, consistent with the 1988 Flood Mitigation Study and Environmental Assessment for Death Valley National Monument.

