



Merced River Plan – Spring 2011 Workshop Series

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Presenter Bios.

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Michael J. Yochim, Ph.D.: Mike works as a Project Manager in Yosemite National Park, responsible for the resource and research components of the Merced River plan along with serving as the park's contracting officer's representative on the environmental compliance contract. Prior to coming to Yosemite, he worked on the snowmobile issue in Yellowstone and wrote *Yellowstone and the Snowmobile* (University Press of Kansas, 2009). Yochim has a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Montana.