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Yosemite Valley Plan
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Dear Yosemite Valley Plan,

We would like to submit the following comments on the Draft Yosemite Valley Plan. This could also be termed our alternative plan for the Valley.

We would like to see more campsites in Yosemite Valley, especially those for tent camping, be it car-camping or walk-in camping. Prior to the 1997 flood, all campsites within the Valley had better than 90% occupancy. With two plus campgrounds removed after the flood (some 40% of the Valley sites), the number of tent campsites is drastically lower than demand and all

of the sites should be replaced.

There should be an increase in shuttle bus service in the Valley. It should go around the entire loop, Bridalveil to Happy

Isles. The shuttle busses should run on natural gas. The shuttles should run 24 hours a day, maybe only once an hour from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., to accommodate climbers and hikers. And the loop road should be maintained completely around the Valley, do not consolidate it to one side of the Valley.

Day use parking should be placed outside Yosemite Valley, do

not use Taft Toe. All out-of-valley parking should be used, including: Henness Ridge, Badger Pass, El Portal, Foresta (lots more room here), South Landing, Hazel Green. Also, Yosemite West should be used.

All non-essential employee housing (concessionaire and NPS) should be removed from Yosemite Valley. This should remove more than 80% of the housing from the Valley.

We disagree with the NPS premise that previously disturbed areas should be rehabilitated and that undisturbed areas will be used for new facilities, be they roads, campgrounds, housing, or concessionaire housing, rooms, or buildings of any type. If an area is already disturbed don't abandon it just to muck up another undisturbed area in the Valley. This just does not make sense. It takes the NPS too long to get around to rehabilitating

an area but you sure can dig up undisturbed areas fast! Don't move impacts from one area to another. Therefore we recommend that no new construction occurs outside of existing and old (pre-flood) disturbed footprints.

No new concessionaire housing, restaurants, lodging should be built in the Valley. The NPS should not build a new Visitor Center within the Valley; feel free to put some info centers at the day parking facilities, out of the Valley.

Sincerely,

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