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Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
 ATTN: Invasive Plant Management Plan
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Invasive Plant Management Plan for Yosemite National Park. In general we are in agreement with Alternative 2, the Preferred Alternative.

ED HARRINGTON
GENERAL MANAGER

As you are aware, water from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir provides 85% of the drinking water for 2.4 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the Affected Environment Section of the EA, on page III -10 in the Section regarding Hydrology and Water Quality we suggest that in the second paragraph that in addition to; "Water quality being important to the health of habitats throughout the park" that you add a statement about the water quality in the Tuolumne River above Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is important to the health of 2.4 million residents in the San Francisco Bay area.

Since the Tuolumne River above Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is an important unfiltered drinking water source we are very interested in assuring that no contaminants enter the water in the source watershed. Therefore, we do have a concern regarding the proposal to use herbicides in the Tuolumne River watershed above Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. In Appendix L, Mitigation Measures Common to All Alternatives, the third mitigation measure under Natural Resources states: "Work crews would not apply herbicides in standing water or within six feet of standing water." We propose that this measure be re-written to state; Work crews would not apply herbicides in standing or running water or within ten feet of standing or running water. The Stanislaus National Forest utilizes this ten foot buffer around standing or running water in all of their herbicide applications, even in non-drinking water watersheds.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment and if you have any questions please feel free to contact Art Smith of my staff at (209) 989-2081.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hannaford
 General Manager

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