

Sequoia National Park (CC-SEKI004) Site Visit

National Park Service

Thursday, October 9, 2014

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Lodgepole and Wuksachi Village, Sequoia National Park

Site Visit Facilitators:

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Meeting location: Sequoia National Park, 8:30am, Lodgepole Visitor Center auditorium

Thank you for your interest in the CC-SEKI004 prospectus. This is an opportunity to operate concessions services (including Lodging, Retail, Food and Beverage, and other services) in Sequoia National Park.

The purpose of this site visit is to allow interested business entities' representatives an opportunity to see the facilities in operation during the operating season. We anticipate releasing the prospectus in the first quarter of 2015. Attendance at the site visit is not a prerequisite for submitting a proposal.

If you encounter a problem finding the group, you may call Randy Carroll, NPS concession staff, at 559-289-6157 or Jason Watkins at 559-568-8591. However, please be aware that cell phone coverage within the park is inconsistent, if not non-existent.

Please keep in mind the following:

- Participants are responsible for paying all fees related to their visit, including the entrance fee into the park. Information about how and where to pay the entrance fee is available here: http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/entrance_fees.htm
- Participants are responsible for their own transportation between sites. We will begin at Lodgepole Visitor Center Auditorium and then drive short distances to two other locations.
- NPS staff will ask participants to sign in at the start of the site visit. We will use that list to provide notifications regarding the prospectus.
- There is no prohibition against photography; participants may photograph the operations, equipment and facilities.
- We will tour concessioner-assigned facilities; any questions must be submitted in writing in accordance with the instructions in the prospectus.
- There is a lunch break scheduled roughly from 12:00 to 1:00. Lodgepole Market offers coffee, drinks, snacks and grab- and -go sandwiches. *We will circulate a Box Lunch order form so lunch may be pre-ordered from the Peaks Restaurant at Wuksachi Lodge.* Or, lunch is served in the dining room. Allow one hour if you choose that option.

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Itinerary

8:30 am - 9:00 am	NPS Lodgepole Visitor Center Auditorium
	Introduction to SEKI004 Site Visit
	Bearpaw Presentation
9:00 am – 10:45 am	Lodgepole Facility Walk-Through
	Lodgepole Grill and Deli
	Lodgepole Market/ Warehouse/ Receiving
	Lodgepole Employee Housing
	Lodgepole Public Laundry and Showers
10:45 am- 11:30am	Drive to and tour Red Fir Maintenance Facility
	Red Fir Maintenance Bay
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch /Drive to Wuksachi
1:00 pm –5:00 pm	Wuksachi Facility Walk-Through
1:00 pm –2:30 pm	Wuksachi Lodge- Guest Rooms
2:30 pm – 2:50 pm	Afternoon Break
2:50 pm –5:00 pm	Wuksachi Facility Walk-Through
	Wuksachi Lobby and Retail
	Wuksachi Kitchen and Dining Room
	Wuksachi Administration/ Meeting Rooms/ IT/ Receiving
	Wuksachi Employee Housing / Bath House/RV 's
	SEKI004 Site Visit Close

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Area Map



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Other Logistical Information

Elevation: Approximately 7,000'. It may be "jacket cool", so come prepared with a removable layer and comfortable shoes.

Road Construction: *Please NOTE the scheduled times for passing vehicles through the construction is at the TOP OF EACH HOUR.* Information about road conditions is available here:

<http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/road-conditions.htm>

Allow at least one hour from Three Rivers to **reach** the construction zone. Consider leaving Three Rivers no later than 6:45am in order to safely make the 8:00am pass through. If you miss that window, you will be sitting and waiting for the next passage at 9:00am.

Estimated Driving Times: From Fresno via Hwy 180 East; crossing through Kings Canyon and driving between the parks to Lodgepole (Sequoia NP): around 2 hours 30 minutes. **Road construction is not a factor along this route.**

From Three Rivers to Lodgepole via Hwy 198 East: allow 2 hours (1 hour normally plus 1 hour construction delay)

From Visalia to Lodgepole via Hwy 198 East: allow 2 hours 45 minutes (1 hour 45 minutes normally plus 1 hour construction delay)

Food Options: Lodgepole Market: coffee, drinks, snacks and grab- and -go sandwiches. **We will circulate a Box Lunch order form so lunch may be pre-ordered from the Peaks Restaurant at Wuksachi Lodge.** Or, lunch is served in the dining room. Allow one hour if you choose that option.

Hotels to consider:

Wuksachi Lodge, Sequoia

<http://www.visitsequoia.com/reservations.aspx>

Located at Wuksachi Village in Sequoia National Park, this is an ideal base camp for the site visit. Availability may be limited but worth a try. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are available- reservations are required for dinner. There is a lounge on site and wireless internet in the lobby.

Approaching from the North:

Courtyard by Marriott, Fresno

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/fatch-courtyard-fresno/>

Address: 140 E. Shaw Ave.

Phone: (559) 221-6000

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Easy access to Hwy 41 South to Hwy 180 East. No airport shuttle, ~7 miles from airport. Newly renovated. Breakfast (not included), dinner and full bar.

Residence Inn by Marriott, Fresno

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/fatri-residence-inn-fresno/>

Phone: (559) 222-8900

Easy access to Hwy 41 South to Hwy 180 East. Yes, airport shuttle, ~7-8 miles from airport. . Breakfast included (continental w/ hot items), no lunch or dinner, offers complimentary Happy Hour.

Approaching from the South:

Comfort Inn & Suites, Three Rivers : This is the best option in Three Rivers.

http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-three_rivers-california-CAA26

Address: 40820 Sierra Drive (Hwy 198)

Phone: (559) 561-9000

The Comfort Inn Sequoia Kings Canyon hotel is less than six miles from the entrance station to Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. Access to Highway 198 is a breeze (becomes Generals Highway inside the park).

Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Visalia

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/visalia/>

Address: 9000 West Airport Drive

Phone: (559) 651-5000

Fairfield Inn- Visalia

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/visfi-fairfield-inn-visalia-sequoia/>

Address: 140 South Akers Street

Phone: (559) 636-7600