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Scoping Notice Lower Wildrose Road Repair Environmental Assessment Death Valley National Park

The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to rehabilitate five miles of the Emigrant Canyon Road, commonly referred to as Lower Wildrose Road, from milepost 20 (MP20) to milepost 24 (MP24) in Death Valley National Park (Park). This section of Lower Wildrose Road has deteriorated over the years due to flash flooding and presents a hazard to vehicular travel in the Park.

Lower Wildrose Road serves as an access point for the western boundary of the Park and is the most direct route of travel for visitors coming from Ridgecrest, CA. It provides access to the Wildrose area of the Park, which is home to the historic Charcoal Kilns, Telescope Peak Trail, and several backcountry campgrounds. A flash flood in the late 1980s caused major damage to the road. Since then, the road has continued to experience flooding episodes and thus continues to degrade. The resulting road is partially paved and is a safety concern for those traveling by vehicle.

Comments are currently being accepted on this proposal and those received will be used in development of the Environmental Assessment. Comments must be received no later than April 14, 2010. Public comment may be submitted online at the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/deva>. The website also contains a description of the alternatives being proposed. If you do not have website access, you may direct comments regarding this project to the park in writing by mail or hand delivery to:

Death Valley National Park
ATTENTION: Lower Wildrose Comments
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