

Rationale for Base Alternative of Muir Woods

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Summary of Discussion by Participant

| Participant | Alt 1 | Alternative 3 |
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| MB | | Newsletter page 7 – visitor experience goals – explore unique and distinctive resources, active public participation and stewardship – these encompass what our goals should be for visitor experiences |
| CP | | Contemplative outdoor museum – Muir Woods is the one place where this can really work. |
| MM | | This will work if screen of purpose and significance is applied |
| CB | | Deliberate focus on trail experience, guided more carefully and visitor choices are more clear than what exists today |
| AV | | Ditto to the other points raised |
| JV | | Focuses on the most important values for MUWO |
| TW | | Allows for incorporation of paramount advantage |
| PS | | Addresses traditional visitor that comes from outside the area – creates a better visitor experience for that type of visitor – which is a good goal |
| SH | | The living museum as a focus of visitation – this is an appropriate goal for MUWO |
| JR/DM | | Removal of development |
| BA | | 9OV needs to be incorporated to make this work - Get the visitor immersed into the forest |
| NH | | Need to write alt 3 more true to concept – look at the other alternatives to strengthen. Need to look at thematic trails and determine if it's appropriate decisions for the GMP. Need to incorporate the language on stewardship to ensure the “living” part of the outdoor museum. |
| HL | | Still parks for the people – agree with other comments. Need to be intentional for seeking new audiences and reaching out to those that don't visit NPs or can't. |
| YR | | Promoting the national park service identity – this alternative allows for this – can't miss. Can address some of the parks to the people idea – it's about quality not quantity. Make it an attractive place that people can go to, they know it's a national park, they have an awesome experience – this should be the focus rather than bringing in a lot more people. Need to ensure balance |
| CK | | Living national treasure and it's about the future of MUWO – draws from the past to improve the future. The thematic trails is a core component to this alternative. Can use the thematic trails to integrate aspects of alternative 2 (e.g., ecology trail that directs visitors to understand restoration efforts and be in close contact). Ecology, history, inspiration are all part of the park purpose and significance – thematic trails allow for these stories to be told. |

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| | | Creek restoration can still occur in this alternative with relocation and redesign of the trails. Don't like terminology of "outdoor museum" – too static. |
| DH | | Currently ties national treasure to national register – if redefined to also include the natural resources, than this alternative can address the values of alt 2 and 3. The focus on inspiration and national park values are good goals. |
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