



What is Compliance?

Projects are evaluated to determine the level of compliance needed based on potential effects to the environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

- Categorical Exclusions = no potential for more than minor effects
- Environmental Assessment = could be more than minor but less than significant effects
- Environmental Impact Statement = could result in significant beneficial or adverse environmental effects



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The basic national charter for the protection
of the environment

We evaluate impacts to the “human
environment” - including the natural and
physical environment and the relationship of
people with that environment.”

The Compliance Process

- 1 - Identify purpose, need, and objectives
- 2 - Develop proposal and identify preliminary issues
- 3 - Determine expected pathway (CE, EA, or EIS)
- 4 - Public scoping and input (EA/EIS)
- 5 - Review public comments
- 6 - Develop alternatives and define issues
- 7 - Analyze impacts of alternatives
- 8 - Release EA/Draft EIS for public review
- 9 - Review public comments
- 10 - Prepare decision document/final EIS
- 11 - Release final plan/EIS to public
- 12 - Final Decision



How can you be involved?

Provide comments!

Planning, Environment and Public Comment System (PEPC)

Email to SEKI_Planning@nps.gov

Written or delivered letter to:

Superintendent:

47050 Generals Highway

Three Rivers, CA 93271



What is PEPC?

A great way to provide comments and learn about park projects!

**Check out the website at:
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States: California

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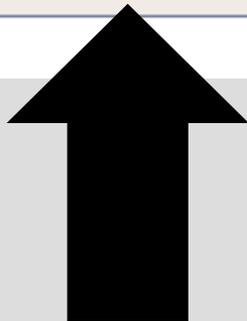
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Current Projects(found total ' 9 ')		
Project Title	Project Type	Compliance Type
Address deterioration of Wilderness Ranger Stations: Le Conte, Rae Lakes, Crabtree	Facility Rehabilitation	EA
Crystal Cave Restoration and Redevelopment Project	Facility Rehabilitation	
General Management Plan	General Management Plan	EIS
Installation of Verizon Wireless Antenna and Facility at Park Ridge	Rights-of-Way	EA
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<u>Replace Big Stump Entrance Station</u>	Capital Improvement	EA
<u>Replace Cedar Grove Bridge in Kings Canyon</u>	Facility Rehabilitation	
<u>Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation Aquatic Ecosystems</u>	Resource Management Plan/Site Plan	
<u>Revise Cave Management Plan</u>	Resource Management Plan/Site Plan	EA

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[Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation Aquatic Ecosystems](#)

The National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation Aquatic Ecosystems (including Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs) within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. In addition to satisfying the requirements and intent of the NEPA, this Environmental Impact Statement will also be developed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and thus will result in a combined Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).



The purpose of this project is to provide for the restoration of between 30 and 85 lakes and ponds within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. There are approximately 570 lakes and ponds within the parks that contain introduced trout, and the parks are considering the removal of all introduced trout from up to 15% of these sites. This project will create clusters of fishless habitat in several areas in an attempt to preserve and restore aquatic habitats and populations of native species, including mountain yellow-legged frogs in high elevation lakes and streams. This project will also create new opportunities for visitors to experience the wildlife of pristine wilderness lakes and streams, while continuing to provide ample opportunities for recreational fishing.

The EIS/EIR will examine a range of feasible alternatives and evaluate potential impacts on natural resources, cultural resources, and the human environment.

Scoping is currently underway for this project through November 21, 2009. To submit comments on this project, click on "Document List" and then on "Scoping Press Release."

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Scoping Press Release

Description: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a plan to restore high elevation aquatic ecosystems and mountain yellow-legged frogs within their historic range in the parks.

Initially public scoping was conducted in early 2007, and it was anticipated an environmental assessment (EA) would be prepared to analyze the project. During that time, the parks received comments from over 30 different sources. As staff began the environmental analysis and re examined information provided by the public, it became clear that the project had the potential for significant impacts on the human environment. There was a level of controversy associated with the proposal, potential for uncertainty and both adverse and beneficial consequences, and unique and unforeseeable environmental impacts. For these reasons, in early 2009 the Superintendent determined that an EIS would be prepared. An



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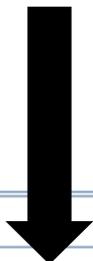
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Seki_planning@nps.gov

Thank you for your interest in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks!

