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### Update on Future Concessions Operations at Kings Canyon National Park

The National Park Service (NPS) would like to thank the public for valuable input in the development of an environmental assessment (EA) to address future concessions operations at Kings Canyon National Parks at the Grant Grove and Cedar Grove areas. Additional site investigation and analysis conducted during project planning indicated that many of the desired components expressed in the original project proposal and preliminary alternatives, including opportunities to expand or change the Grant Grove lodging options and concessions housing, cannot be realized at this time due to funding constraints. Consequently, the NPS will focus on what is currently economically feasible, including the rebuilding of the Grant Grove restaurant. Because the NPS is not considering a comprehensive redevelopment of the Grant Grove area, an EA is no longer necessary. (The current status of this project has been updated on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>.) In the future, as opportunities arise and funding becomes available, the NPS will consider how best to achieve an overall design concept plan for concessions operations in the Grant Grove and Cedar Grove areas and will reinitiate environmental compliance and planning, as appropriate.

**Background on the EA Process:** In Fall 2009, a press release was issued to notify the public of the NPS' intent to develop an environmental assessment to address future concessions operations at Kings Canyon National Park. The NPS began the process of identifying existing service levels and improvement opportunities in the Grant Grove and Cedar Grove areas. The NPS developed preliminary alternatives to address options for the Grant Grove restaurant, lodging opportunities, and concessioner housing in the Grant Grove area. A press release was issued on September 22, 2010, to notify the public of the preliminary alternatives and solicit comments and suggestions.

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