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Public Meetings Scheduled in Various Cities and Towns from April 25-29 to Obtain Feedback in Development of Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA –Join the National Park Service at various upcoming meetings throughout central and southern California to provide your input in development of a Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (WSP/EIS) to guide existing and future wilderness use and management at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Listen to a presentation by National Park Service staff. Then, meet with staff afterwards in an informal open house setting to discuss issues of interest or submit your comments. The meeting schedule is:

Monday, April 25, 2011
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Fresno Pacific University
Marpeck Center, Room 102
1717 South Chestnut Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Inyo National Forest Headquarters
Conference Room
351 Pacu Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

Tuesday, April 26, 2011
7:00-9:00 p.m.
East Bay Regional Parks
Richard C. Trudeau Trng. Ctr., Conf. Room 2
11500 Skyline Blvd
Oakland, CA 94619

Thursday, April 28, 2011
7:00-9:00 p.m.
L.A. River Center
California Building Atrium
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six
Los Angeles, CA 90065

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Friday, April 29, 2011
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tulare County Office of Education
“The Pit”
2637 West Burrel Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

All written comments must be transmitted, postmarked, or hand-delivered within 90 days of the date the “Notice of Intent” is published in the *Federal Register*. (The Notice of Intent, the official announcement of this public comment period, is expected to be published shortly.) To respond electronically, submit your comments via the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/sekiwild>. To submit written comments by letter, you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service or hand-deliver your comments to Superintendent Karen F. Taylor-Goodrich, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Attn: Wilderness Stewardship Plan, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Faxed comments will be accepted at (559) 565-4202. Written comments will be accepted during public scoping meetings. Comments in any format (written or electronic) submitted by an individual or organization on behalf of another individual or organization will not be accepted. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

It is the practice of the National Park Service to make all comments available for public review after the close of the EIS process. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For more information about Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, visit www.nps.gov/seki.

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Fascinating Facts:

- (1) Over 96% of the land at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks is managed as wilderness.
- (2) Over 20 million people live within a 250-mile drive of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.