

Sequoia Speaks

Presented by the National Park Service

Join us for this rare opportunity to hear from experts sharing the latest news on water conditions in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Sit back, listen and ask any burning questions you have about the ever important issue of water.

*“If there is magic on this planet,
it is contained in water.”*

- Loren Eiseley



Sequoia Speaks will be held at Visalia's
College of the Sequoia's Ponderosa Lecture Hall from 7-8 pm.

\$2 parking is located on the corner of Noble and Mooney.

All programs are free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013

Protecting Serene Mountain Lakes

The vision of mountain lakes conjures up crisp clean air and pristine water. Well hold on to your seats. Just as dirty air affects us in the valley, these air pollutants are finding their way to those ideal mountain lakes. This is your chance to hear from environmental scientist and wilderness enthusiast Andi Heard about the challenges of protecting over 1,200 alpine lakes in Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

If Turtles Could Talk

Put on your flippers and snorkel and take a virtual tour of local streams to look for the elusive western pond turtle. Aquatic biologist Erik Meyer will explain how potentially dangerous concentrations of pesticides and mercury in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks may be harming turtles. Hear first-hand why this is happening and explore what the western pond turtle can teach us about the disappearance of the Sierra Nevada foothill yellow-legged frog.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

Uncovering Hidden Mountain Reservoirs

Hydrologist Ben Tobin spends his time discovering hidden mountain reservoirs. Why? When snows dwindle, other types of water storage become increasingly important. Enjoy stories of adventure while exploring how caves help maintain the flow of the Kaweah River to the San Joaquin Valley.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2013

Measuring Sierra Snow from Above

California relies on Sierra Nevada snow for around 35 percent of its annual usable water. Everyone in California is vying for their share. Research scientist Peter Kirchner will explain how exciting new airborne technologies have enhanced viewing the amount of snow across a broad landscape. With these new technologies, we may more accurately calculate usable water and ecosystem health.

For more information, please call Sequoia National Park at 559-565-4212.

