

Wawona Merced River Plan Preliminary Alternatives Concepts
Public Workshop
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Meeting Notes

How does Alt 5 compare to
pre-1997?

El Cap ^{meadow} view restored - Scenic ORV

Bridge views important - design

Carving Capacity
Day-use reservation. How will work? ^{where}
to redirect?

Views from river (all) - save - as part of ^{ORV}
Scenic

If capacity levels lessened, people will go elsewhere
^{6000 spots removed?}

Impact to gateways if capacity reduced

Permit → will a person need in order to get to Wawona?

Yosemite West
Wawona residents - how do their guests get in?
(including Wawona rental properties)

Commercial bus parking - does it need to be at store?
(vs. at the South Gate)

Permits → proper system? Is it corrupted?


Term "reduce" misleading → as compared to pre-1997 #s

Wawona golf course - ecological impact? Need to remove?

Incremental erosion of river - is this a "natural" force or erosion?

Does high water cause problems? Going through the bridges

If people have no "permit," will person be "turned away"?

Are you considering point of view of visitor? 
in plan?

Scientifically

Meadow restoration - is conifer encroachment a concern?

Will the ^{final} plan set priorities - and deal with cause and effect?
Such as Valley tourists re-routed to Whiskey

Funding - how will money be spent? Priorities?

~~Dredging~~ How does wooden debris affect river flow?

Support

Rejuvenating meadows, restoring riverbank, traffic problem

Merced Lake High Sierra Camp - 99% of people who use it

Many "green" aspects to the camp

Can't physically hike it without this camp

If camp closes, there will be lost visitor opportunities

Is water quality a concern?

Valley
Backpacker Camp - is it being removed?
Should be an opportunity for Backpackers to camp
in the Valley

1996 and 2011 → 4 million visitors
but many fewer overnight stays.

NPS taken away places for people to go in Valley

issue
that
not
re-building
the
campgrounds

Camping permits - bought up in 30 seconds when released.
So day-use permits could also be a "limiting" factor to
proper access to the park

Camping - need to base new #'s on pre 1997 #'s

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possibly
mapping
trail

Include the historic Wawana trail -
restore the trail - have to follow
Bill Wagers - Seasonal Valley

(old fishing trail)

Snaffle bit
Trail
(no signage)

If golf course isn't negatively affecting the river,
then do not remove (Do not include in more than
one alternative)