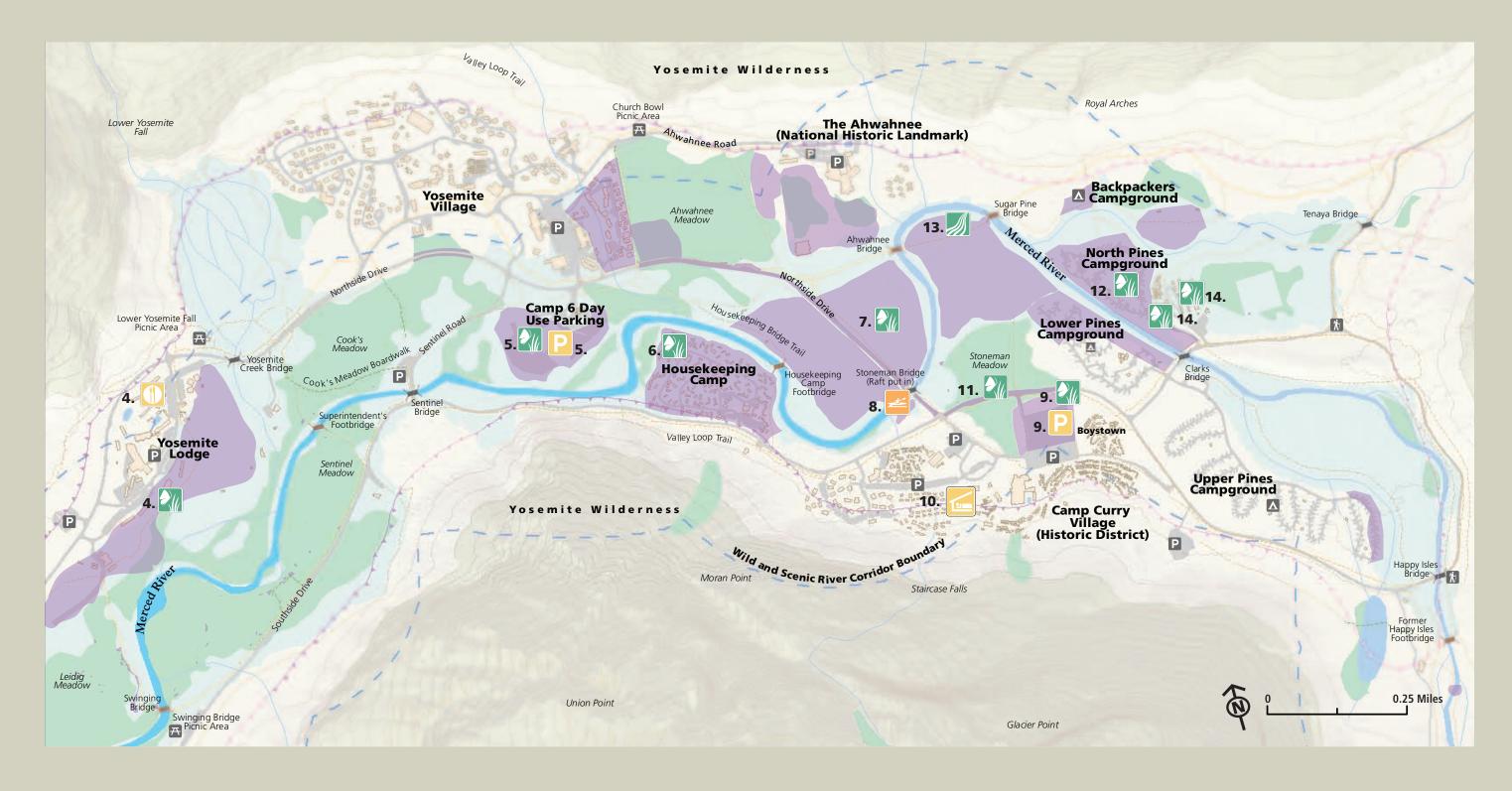
# Yosemite National Park MERCED RIVER PLAN. ... PROVIDING ACCESS AND PROTECTING RESOURCES

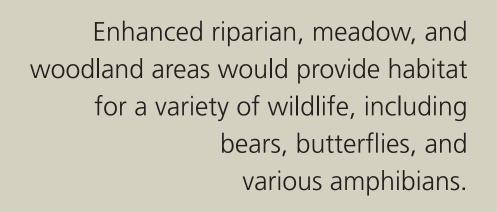
## **CONCEPT 1: SELF-RELIANT EXPERIENCE AND EXTENSIVE FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION**

### River Values and Enhancement

Major restoration within the 100-year floodplain

- Preserve exceptional water quality throughout the river corridor
- Strategically remove roads and three bridges to improve free-flowing conditions
- Restore 336 acres to natural conditions within the river corridor
- Remove campsites, informal trails, and non-essential roads from culturally sensitive areas







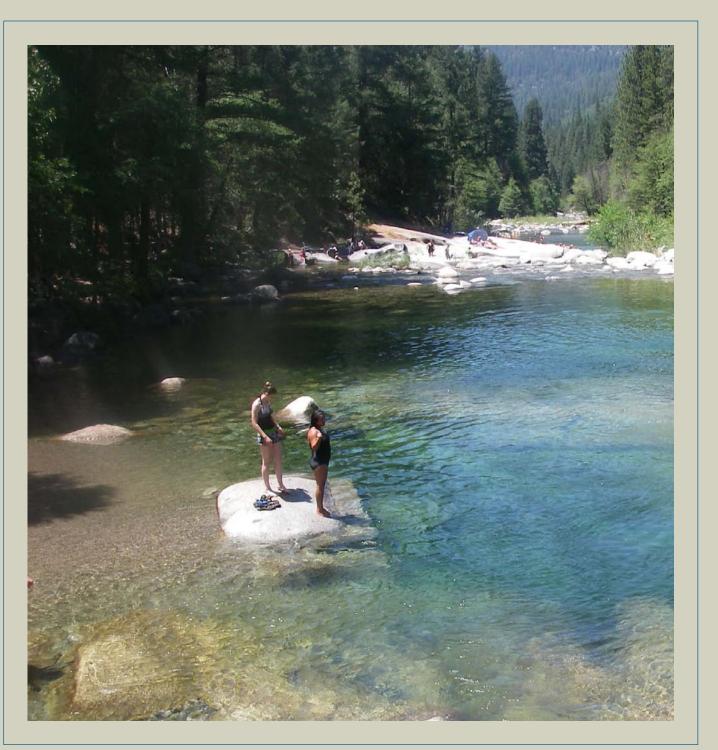


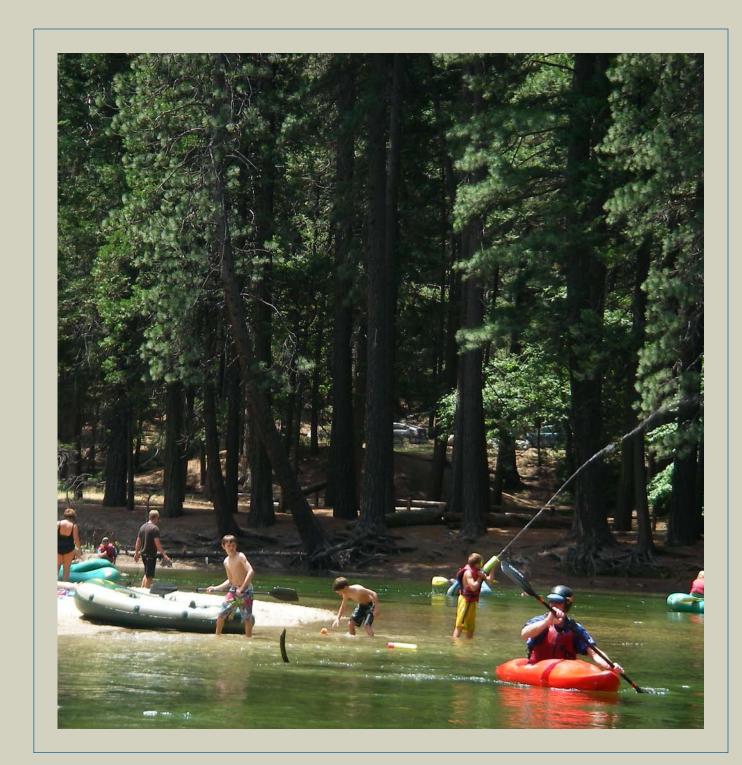
## Public Access and User Capacity

Accommodates lowest visitor use levels

- Yosemite Valley Peak Daily Visitation: 14,100 people (31% decrease)
  - Day-use Peak Visitation: 10,200 people (30% decrease)
  - Overnight Peak Visitation: 3,900 people (33% decrease)
- Management tools
  - Re-design parking, trails, and viewing areas
  - Require day-use permits and reservation system during peak summer season \*\*
  - Check entry permits at park entrance stations
  - Use Intelligent Transportation Systems to inform visitors of real-time traffic conditions •

Eliminate commercial raft rentals and allow privately-owned boats on stretches of the river within all segments except in Gorge and Wilderness segments. Designate formal river access sites and redirect use to more stable river access points.

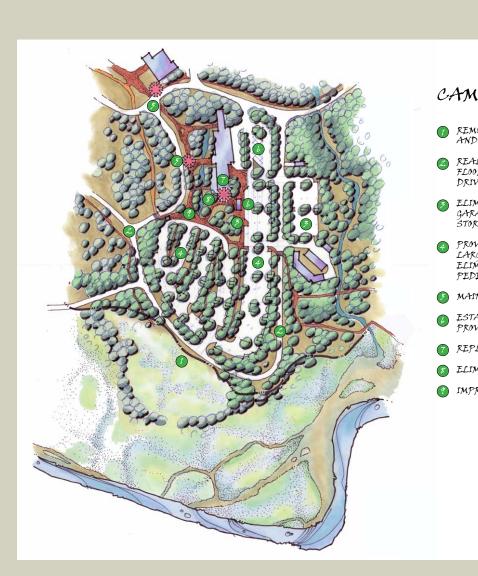




#### Land Use

#### Significant reduction in facilities and services

- Reduce or eliminate commercial services, such as:
  - Unnecessary or duplicative retail
  - Wawona and Curry Village stables
  - All Yosemite Lodge units
  - Curry Village ice rink
  - Raft and bike rental
  - Housekeeping Camp
  - Wawona Golf Course and Shop
- Parking capacities for day and overnight visitors, residents, and administrative personnel
- Yosemite Valley Parking: ~4,000 spaces (27% decrease) •
- Wawona Parking: ~630 spaces (11% decrease)
- El Portal Parking: ~1,600 spaces (17% increase)
- Campsites relocated from sensitive areas to more resilient locations
  - Yosemite Valley Camping: ~460 sites (2% decrease)
  - Wawona Camping: ~60 sites (41% decrease)



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CAMP SIX - ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT #1

- REMOVE EXISTING PARKING FROM 10-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN. RESTORE WETLAND: AND MEADOW.
- REALIGN NORTHSIDE DRIVE-VILLAGE DRIVE CONNECTION TO CONFORM TO THE FLOOD PLAIN AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE AHWAHNEEE HOTEL. NORTHSIDE DRIVE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED EAST OF THIS LOCATION.
- ELIMINATE CONCESSIONAIRE'S GENERAL OFFICE, AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCI GARAGE, EMPLOYEE DORMITORIES AND HOUSING LOCATED BETWEEN VILLAGI STORE AND AHWAHNEE MEADOW.
- PROVIDE 500 PARKING SPACES FOR DAYTIME USE. DESIGN PLANTERS TO RETA LARGE NUMBERS OF TREES WITHIN LANDSCAPE, INCLUDE BIOSWALES ANI NINATE POLLUTANTS FROM SURFACE PARKING AREA. CREATE A SYSTEM EDESTRIAN PATHWAYS TO DRAW VISITORS INTO YOSEMITE VILLAGE MAINTAIN EXISTING SHUTTLE STOPS ON VISITOR CENTER LOOP DRIVE.
- ESTABLISH BUS PASSENGER UNLOADING AREA EAST OF VILLAGE MARKE PROVIDE FIVE SPACES FOR DAYTIME BUS PARKING.
- REPLACE VILLAGE SPORT SHOP WITH VISITOR CONTACT STATION. B ELIMINATE EXISTING ART ACTIVITY CENTER.
- IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS AND BIKE PATHS.



Preliminary design for day-use parking area at Camp 6