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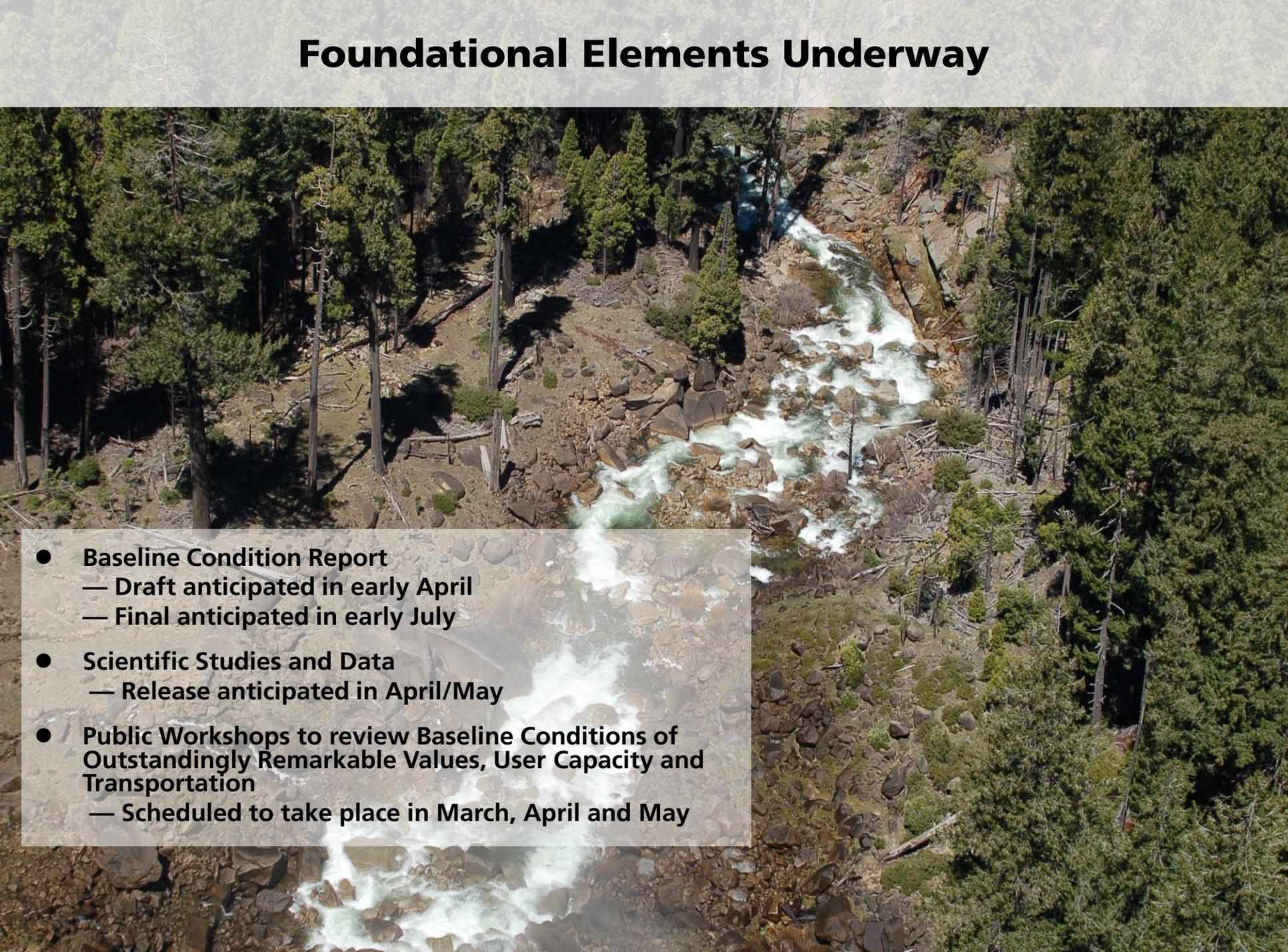
Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan

Key Foundational Pieces in Place

- Draft Goals of the MRP
- 2007 – 2010 Public Scoping Comments
- Public Scoping Comment Summary
- Public Scoping Comment Summary Supplement
- Revised Draft Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV) Report
- ORV Public Comments
- ORV Public Comment Response Matrix
- Comparison of ORVs Over Time



Foundational Elements Underway

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- An aerial photograph showing a river with white-water rapids flowing through a rocky, forested landscape. The river is surrounded by dense evergreen trees and scattered rocks. The water is turbulent and white with foam as it flows over the rocks.
- **Baseline Condition Report**
 - Draft anticipated in early April
 - Final anticipated in early July
 - **Scientific Studies and Data**
 - Release anticipated in April/May
 - **Public Workshops to review Baseline Conditions of Outstandingly Remarkable Values, User Capacity and Transportation**
 - Scheduled to take place in March, April and May

Overall Schedule

- **Spring 2011 (Phase II)**
Spring Workshops on Baseline Conditions and Management Concerns
- **Summer 2011 (Phase III)**
Collaborative Development of Alternatives Concepts Workbook
- **Fall 2011 (Phase III)**
Continued work with public on Alternatives Development
- **Early 2012 (Phase IV)**
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- **Late 2012 (Phase IV)**
Final Environmental Impact Statement

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MRP NPS website:

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mrp.htm>

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The screenshot shows the NPS.gov website for Yosemite National Park. The page is titled "Merced River Plan" and features a navigation menu with options: MRP Home, Public Meetings, Archive, Documents, Research, and Comment. A banner indicates "NEW documents posted!". The main content area includes a photograph of a river and mountains, followed by text explaining the Merced Wild and Scenic River's special status and the NPS's role in preparing the Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (MRP/EIS). The page also includes a sidebar with various links such as "PARK HOME", "PLAN YOUR VISIT", "PHOTOS & MULTIMEDIA", "HISTORY & CULTURE", "NATURE & SCIENCE", "FOR TEACHERS", "FOR KIDS", "PARK NEWS", "PARK MANAGEMENT", "SUPPORT YOUR PARK", "Español", "Site Index", "Frequently Asked Questions", "Contact Us", and "Find a National Park Near You".

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 In 1987 the U.S. Congress designated the Merced a Wild and Scenic River to preserve its free-flowing condition and to protect and enhance the unique values that made it worthy of special protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Both the Merced River above, through, and below Yosemite Valley, and the South Fork of the Merced above, through, and below Wawona have this special status.

In accordance with the law, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing the Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (**Merced River Plan/EIS**) for the 81 miles of the river within Yosemite National Park. When completed, the plan will guide future management of activities in the river corridor, including site-specific actions needed to protect the river in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, and Wawona.

Yosemite National Park has put together a dynamic **team** of professionals to develop this plan. The team brings an enthusiasm and commitment to developing a Merced River Plan that protects the river's values for present and future generations. Assisting the team is a large group of subject matter experts on the Yosemite Staff; park managers will be utilizing the skills of other experts as well. All of us look forward to working with you in this exciting process.

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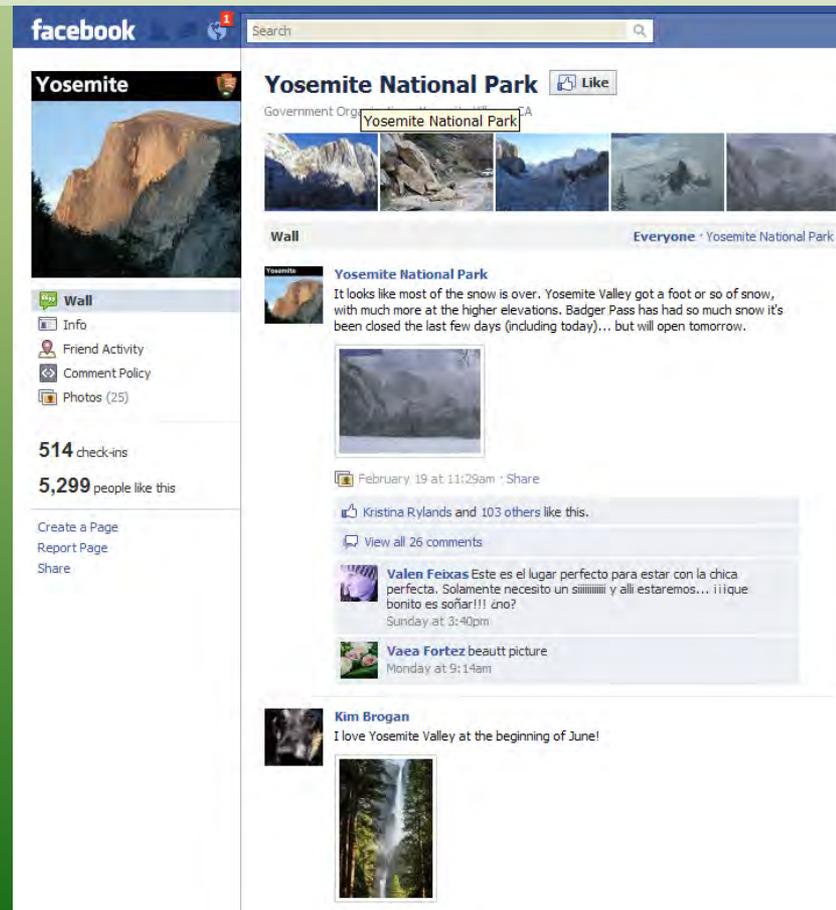
In 1987 the U.S. Congress designated the Merced a Wild and Scenic River to protect its free-flowing condition and its unique values for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations (16 USC 1271). A total of 81 miles of the main stem and South Fork of the Merced River, including the forks of Red Peak, Merced Peak, Triple Peak, and Lyell, are managed by the National Park Service (NPS). This designation requires the managing agencies to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the river and its immediate environment. That plan will incorporate the following elements:

- Outstandingly Remarkable Values that merit the Merced's designation as wild and scenic
- Condition Assessment of the Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs)
- Boundaries and Classifications of the river corridor
- User Capacities of the kinds and amounts of use that can be managed to protect and enhance river values

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The screenshot shows the Facebook interface for the Yosemite National Park page. At the top, the Facebook logo and search bar are visible. The page header includes the name "Yosemite National Park" with a "Like" button and the category "Government Organization". Below the header is a row of five photos showing various mountain and valley views. The main content area is titled "Wall" and shows a post from "Yosemite National Park" dated February 19 at 11:29am. The post text reads: "It looks like most of the snow is over. Yosemite Valley got a foot or so of snow, with much more at the higher elevations. Badger Pass has had so much snow it's been closed the last few days (including today)... but will open tomorrow." Below the text is a photo of a snowy mountain peak. The post has 103 likes and 26 comments. Two comments are visible: one from Valen Feixas and another from Vaea Fortez. The left sidebar shows navigation options like "Wall", "Info", "Friend Activity", "Comment Policy", and "Photos (25)". It also displays "514 check-ins" and "5,299 people like this". At the bottom of the sidebar are links for "Create a Page", "Report Page", and "Share".



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