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Subject RE: Yosemite National Park E-Newsletter

Sir --

Per below, on September 17th you announced the Public Scoping Period for The Tenaya Lake Area Plan that begins 9/4 and ends 10/3. You can see that this leaves only 16 days for Public Scoping comments, not 30 days. I, for example, have been out of town and off the grid in Colorado since 9/4, and only just received this email tonight, 9/23, leaving me just 10 days to respond. I have missed your public field visit on Saturday, September 20th, for which you gave only 3 days' notice, and your National Park Service public open house on Wednesday, September 24, from 1-5 pm at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium, for which you provided only 7 days' notice. In view of your failure to provide adequate notice of these events, I am planning to conduct my own "private" field visit to the Tenaya Lake area before providing comments, but as I live in the Los Angeles area and have just returned from a three week wilderness trek, I have insufficient time to conduct this visit and formulate my comments before your 10/3 deadline. While I am generally quite familiar with the Tenaya Lake area, having been visiting it since 1950, I need to familiarize myself with the present conditions and user impacts in the area so my comments will be most relevant and appropos.

I request that you immediately and publicly extend the deadline for Public Scoping Comments to close-of-business October 17th, thus providing a full 30 days for comments, not counting the day of your announcement which occurred at 5:03 pm 9/17.

Also, is there a summary available of the "problems associated with visitor use, visitor safety, and resource impacts [that] have been occurring for decades", the "solutions for the Tenaya Lake plan [that] may include ecological restoration, picnic area improvements, trailhead and parking improvements, comfort stations, and trails", and some hint as to what analysis has been performed to date that logically motivates those potential solutions as viable approaches to those particular problems?

It sounds as if you already have solutions in mind before you have even conducted the "formal, public analysis of these long-standing issues [that] will provide a plan to remedy these issues" that The Yosemite Fund is prepared to pay for. This would be "putting the cart before the horse", to say the least.

I look forward to your swift response.

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