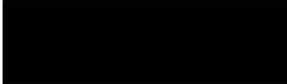


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Subject Tenaya Scoping Study, taking hints from The Desmond  
Camping Company of the early 20th century

Dear Park Planners,

On Delaware North's Yosemite website, at this link:

[http://www.yosemitepark.com/Accommodations\\_HighSierraCamps\\_History.aspx](http://www.yosemitepark.com/Accommodations_HighSierraCamps_History.aspx), you will find a little historical representation of the former Desmond Park Service Company. Desmond was, as you probably know, one of the early concessionaires who, after reorganization in 1920, became the Yosemite National Park Co., a competitor of the Curry Camping Company, who later merged with the Curry Company, and who is now DNC. A friend told me about the Desmond Camping Company, and after looking into it, it gave me the idea to write to you.

At the link above I learned that there was a time when the early park service asked the Desmond Park Service Company to provide a High Sierra camping experience at Tenaya Lake, and in doing so became the beginnings of what is now the Yosemite High Sierra Camps as we know them today. Eventually the Tenaya Lake Camp closed when it moved to May Lake. The text I will quote below is an excerpt from the link above, which I think nicely outlines some objectives that the NPS felt strongly about back then, of which you may also agree with now. Rather than the High Sierra Camp, as it was then, perhaps this similar concept could apply to a very small walk-in campground, and a very small drive-in campground, as outline in my previous correspondence, as follows:

Begin quote:

In 1916, NPS Director Stephen Mather asked Desmond Park Service Company, the concessioner at the time, to build mountain chalets at Tenaya Lake, Tuolumne Meadows and Merced Lake. He believed this type of public service would attract people into the park's high country, thus supporting NPS management objectives to:

- Relieve congestion in the Valley by enabling outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy Yosemite's wilderness with relative ease and in some degree of comfort,
- Provide a compatible environment in which visitors could be instructed in the tenets of conservation and the objectives of the National Park Service, and
- Clarify the National Park Services' conservation objectives to the public.

End quote.

Perhaps these early "NPS management objectives", as stated above are also representative of your current goals and objectives, as it relates to the possibility of some camping opportunities at

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Tenaya Lake, as stated in my prior Tenaya Lake Scoping study correspondence.

Thank you,



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