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**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other  
Restrictions Imposed Under  
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 54 United States Code, Section 100751, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Administrative Activities** means those activities conducted under the authority of the National Park Service for the purpose of safeguarding persons or property, implementing management plans and policies developed in accordance and consistent within Title 36 Chapter 1, or repairing or maintaining government facilities, (*e.g., contractor, concessioner, researcher*).

**Big wall climbs** mean all grade V and VI routes in Yosemite.

**Demonstrations** is considered to mean public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which has the effect or propensity to draw a crowd of onlookers. This definition does not apply to casual park use by visitors or tourists which does not have an intent or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.

**E-Cigarette/ personal vaporizer** means a device containing a liquid or other substance that is vaporized and inhaled, typically used to simulate the experience of smoking tobacco.

**Food** means any human food, beverage, pet food, grain or other sweet stock food, food-tainted garbage, food-tainted equipment, toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, and cosmetics, and any creams, ointments, or lotions.

**Food Container** means any object designed to contain food such as ice chests, coolers, food packaging, and grocery bags whether or not they contain food or any object that contains food such as a pack or stuff sack.

**Food storage** throughout this document when regulations set forth conditions related to proper food storage the use of the word food includes food and food containers.

**Other power driven mobility device (OPDMD)** means any mobility device powered by electricity or batteries, whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities.

**Pedestrian** is anyone who is afoot or who is operating a self-propelled wheelchair, or OPDMD (see above definition) and has a mobility disability.

**Public expressions of view** is considered to mean public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which has the effect or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers. This definition does not apply to casual park use by visitors or tourists which does not have an intent or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.

**Road Names** are described as:

- Big Oak Flat Road means from the park boundary near Big Oak Flat Entrance to the El Portal Road.
- Chowchilla Mountain Road means Wawona Road to the park boundary.
- El Portal Road means from the park boundary west of Arch Rock Entrance to Pohono Bridge.
- Glacier Point Road means from Chinquapin to Glacier Point.
- In winter, Chinquapin to Badger Pass is referred to as the Badger Pass Road.
- Hetch Hetchy Road means from the Park boundary near Hetch Hetchy entrance to the O'Shaughnessy Dam.
- Mariposa Grove Road means from the South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove parking lot.
- Northside Drive means the road on the north side of Yosemite Valley which runs from the Curry Village intersection to Pohono Bridge.
- Southside Drive means the road on the south side of Yosemite Valley which runs from the Pohono Bridge to the three way intersection adjacent to Upper and Lower Pines Campground.
- Tioga Road means from Crane Flat intersection to Tioga Pass at the east park boundary.
- Wawona Road means from the park boundary near South Entrance to Southside Drive.

**Service Animal** means any dog, or in certain reasonable instances miniature horses, individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory,

psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. The service animal definition should adhere to the guidelines set forth in the current American with Disabilities Act. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Slack lines** means webbing or rope tensioned between two anchor points generally used to balance upon.

**Special Events** means sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainment, ceremonies, and similar events, or any event involving an organized gathering of more than 25 people (including nonprofit or charitable organizations).

**Sub Dome** means the rock formation immediately to the northeast and abutting Half Dome. See Map.

**Trail** means any trail shown on the latest edition of 7.5 minute quad topographic maps published by the U. S. Geological Survey.

**Unmanned Aircraft** is any device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

**Wilderness** means congressionally designated Wilderness.

**Non-Wilderness** refers to all those areas not designated as Wilderness.

## I. VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

### **36 CFR § 1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES OR ACTIVITIES AND CONDITIONS**

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park, to all public use, or to a certain use or activity:

#### PARK-WIDE

- Visiting Hours: Yosemite National Park is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week except as noted elsewhere in this document.
  
- Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, use of E-Cigarettes and similar devices are prohibited:
  - In all public buildings and public areas of concession buildings (including restrooms)
  - Within 25 feet of any building, except those used as a single family residence
  - Inside shared housing
  - Other areas as posted

*Smoke from burning tobacco and vapors from e-cigarettes may contain harmful substances; Electronic cigarettes contain at least 10 chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects, according to a report from the California Department of Public Health. Restricting the use of e-cigarettes to areas where smoking is permitted is the least restrictive method of controlling while still allowing their use.*
  
- The use of any audio or mechanical device to attract wildlife is considered a violation of **36 CFR § 2.2(a)(2)**  
*Audio or mechanical devices used to attract wildlife may induce stress and disrupt mating/nesting activities of wildlife.*
  
- The climbing of or attempting to climb any giant sequoia tree (*Sequoiadendron Giganteum*) is prohibited.  
*This restriction is to provide for protection of natural resources.*
  
- Areas within the park that are designated as construction and/or demolition zones will be closed to the public. These areas will be identified by signing indicating the closure.  
*This closure is in effect to protect the public from the hazards associated with construction/demolition.*
  
- All firearm ranges are closed to the public; ranges are for law enforcement use only.  
*For the safety of park visitors, to ensure unfettered access for law enforcement training and compliance with other NPS policies the Superintendent has determined that this public use restriction is necessary.*
  
- The entire park is closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light. **36CFR§2.2(e)**
  
- All free flowing rivers, creeks, and streams within Yosemite National Park are closed to the use of any type of vessel, except that non-motorized vessels may use the following waterways under the conditions noted below:
  - Merced River
    - From the head waters to the Little Yosemite Valley Campground
    - From Clark's Bridge to the El Capitan Bridge when flows are below 7.0 feet as measured at the Pohono Bridge river gauge at 0800 on the day the river use is to occur.
    - From El Capitan Bridge to the park boundary when flows are at least 3.4 feet as measured at the Pohono Bridge river gauge at 0800 the on the day the river use is to occur.
  - Tuolumne River from Pothole Dome to Pate Valley.
  - South Fork Merced River
    - From the head waters to 100 yards upstream from the Wawona impoundment.
    - From downstream of the Wawona impoundment to the park boundary.

- The following conditions must be met:
  - Vessels must be in good condition and rated for the classification of water users are intending to navigate.
  - Use of a trailer or wheeled device to launch or retrieve a vessel is prohibited.
  - Dragging vessels on vegetation is prohibited.
  - A personal flotation device must be worn while vessel is underway in accordance with state laws.
  - A personal flotation device is required to be worn for all boaters above Little Yosemite Valley, below El Capitan Bridge and on the Tuolumne River.
  - Boaters must take precautions to ensure their vessel is free of invasive species.
  - Launching and retrieval is only permitted at the sites listed in this document under 36 CFR §3.8(a)(2).

*The Superintendent has determined that management of the park's rivers must meet the needs of all park users, including but not limited to photographers, fishermen, and those wishing to see undisturbed sections of free flowing river. By partitioning the rivers and placing constraints on certain activities, each of the visitor groups can be accommodated, while providing for both visitor and resource protection. This action has been determined not to be a major shift in policy nor a significant change to previous regulatory efforts. These restrictions and conditions are necessary to preserve the natural character of the rivers, creeks, and streams for public enjoyment and safety.*

- Possession of a glass container within 50 feet of any riverbank, lakeshore, on the water, or in a vessel is prohibited.  
*This restriction is necessary for the protection of visitors who frequent these areas in bare feet.*
- Jumping or diving from any bridge or from O'Shaughnessy Dam is prohibited.  
*People jumping from bridges causes increased water turbidity and shock waves, both of which have a detrimental effect on fish and other components of aquatic ecosystems. With vessel use on the river jumping from bridges also threatens the safety of boaters.*
- Camping, bivouacking, or sleeping overnight in the vicinity of the base of any cliff, mountain or route to be climbed, and which is located outside designated Wilderness, is prohibited. **36 CFR § 2.10(a); 36 CFR § 2.10(b)(10)**  
*The Superintendent has determined this restriction is necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park and to provide for consistency with camping and wilderness permit requirements.*
- Affixing any rope, line, or other device to a bridge or structure is prohibited.  
*Ropes and lines can pose hazards to persons and structures.*
- The use of any motorized drilling device for the purpose of placing bolts or climbing equipment is prohibited.  
*The use of motorized equipment is prohibited by the Wilderness Act for all designated Wilderness areas. This restriction protects the wilderness character of climbing routes.*
- The possession of a motorized drill in a non-developed area is prohibited.  
*The use of motorized equipment is prohibited by the Wilderness Act for all designated Wilderness areas. This restriction protects the wilderness character of climbing routes.*
- The use of glue, epoxy, cement, or any other adhesive to attach, re-inforce, or alter hand and/or footholds for rock climbing is prohibited.  
*This restriction is to protect the natural features of various climbing routes in Yosemite National Park.*
- Fixed or temporary rock climbing anchors, but not climbing ropes, whether used for ascents or descents may be left in place indefinitely. **36 CFR § 2.22(a)(2)**  
*Rock climbing is a well-established visitor activity in the park. This exception to 36 CFR 2.22(a)(2) is intended to allow safe rock climbing while minimizing the overall impact of rock climbing on the resource and other visitor groups. Unattended anchors may be removed and turned in as found property.*

- Affixing any fixed or tensioned rope, line or other device over any lake or watercourse is prohibited. *The recreational activities engaged in through installation and use of these lines are in conflict with the scenic purposes for which Yosemite National Park was established.*
- Installing or using any fixed or tensioned ropes, lines and other devices are permitted under the following conditions: **36 CFR § 2.22(a)(2), 36 CFR§ 5.13**
  - It does not create a hazardous condition or interfere with the orderly management of the park.
  - It does not cross a road or trail
  - It is not over any lake or watercourse
  - They must not be attached to oak trees
  - Trees used as anchors must be padded so as to minimize damage to the trees.
  - Slack lines may be left unattended in the following circumstances:
    - Upon approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee, park residents may leave slack lines installed within 200 feet of their housing unit provided the slack lines meet the other slack line restrictions
    - Park visitors registered in Camp 4 may leave slack lines unattended provided the slack lines are:
      - Tagged to identify the registered camper.
      - Installed within 200 feet of the boundary of Camp 4 for the period of their stay in Camp 4
      - Comply with other slack line restrictions

*Fixed or tensioned lines can present a significant hazard to other visitors and negatively impact the scenic value of the resource; however, the repeated installation of slack lines in the same area may cause more resource damage than lines left in place. Oaks are declining in parts of California and the groves in Yosemite Valley are not reproducing successfully. Slack lines have caused significant damage to trees in the park.*

- Individuals with disabilities may use OPDMD's under the following conditions:
  - An OPDMD must be placarded and display a universal handicap decal (available at visitor centers).
  - Operators must be 16 years or older.
  - Maximum speed while operating an OPDMD cannot exceed 5 mph.
  - The OPDMD utilized must not create emissions (Zero emission vehicle).
  - The OPDMD must be no greater than 36 inches in width at its widest point.
  - A person riding any mobility assisted device upon and along a sidewalk, while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk, or on any other surface shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that the mobility assistive device operator must always yield to pedestrians.
  - Elevator use will be the only exception- users on any mobility assisted device will enter first, be allowed time to park and secure such device, and will be the last to exit.
  - Group size is limited to no more than four OPDMD's.
  - Use of an OPDMD is prohibited in undeveloped and designated Wilderness areas.
  - Using an OPDMD by persons without a disability is prohibited.
  - Every OPDMD, shall be equipped with the following safety mechanisms:
    - Front, rear, and side reflectors.
    - A system that enables the operator to bring the device to a controlled stop.
    - If the OPDMD is operated between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, a lamp emitting a white light that, while the OPDMD is in motion, illuminates the area in front of the operator and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of the OPDMD.
    - A sound emitting device that can be activated from time to time by the operator, as appropriate, to alert nearby persons.

*OPDMD's are not permitted to be operated on park roadways due to safety considerations regarding the lack of a paved shoulder, bicycle lane or the presence of fog lines. The use of OPDMD's by able bodied persons is prohibited in the park as it meets the definition of a motor vehicle and off road travel is prohibited, with the only exception being those individuals who meet the criteria of a disabled persons as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

- The areas identified by cliff name in the Appendix titled Area Protection-Peregrine Nesting Areas are closed to all public use to protect Peregrine Falcon aeries from March 1 until July 15 of each year or until the young falcons of the current year have fledged.  
*The closure is necessary assist in the successful reproduction of Peregrine Falcons.*
- Passenger buses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads within Yosemite National Park:
  - Buses must shut down their engines when not underway. Idling at a stop must not exceed 5 minutes. Buses are allowed to idle up to 15 minutes to allow the driver to complete their legally required Pre Trip Vehicle Inspection. Yosemite National Park shuttle bus vehicles are exempt.  
*The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. Due to the nature of the service provided by the shuttle buses, they are excluded from the requirement.*
  - Buses are prohibited in the parking area for Swinging Bridge and the Big Oak Flat Visitor Center.
  - Buses may not park in areas designated for automobile parking.
  - Buses are prohibited from parking in residential areas.  
*The Superintendent has determined that buses parking in these areas cause excessive congestion, parking problems, and traffic hazards, and the large number of visitors cannot be accommodated by the existing rest room and other facilities.*
  - Buses over 45 feet in length and 102 inches in width are prohibited on park roads.  
*Buses over these dimensions cannot safely navigate many of the park roads and cause congestion at pullouts and parking areas.*
    - The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:
      - At the pool of the Wawona Domestic Water Intake and that area within 100 yards upstream.
      - Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and one mile from the high water mark of the reservoir along any tributary directly flowing into the reservoir.
      - Lake Eleanor Reservoir when posted.
      - Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River above the domestic water source intake.
      - Emerald Pool and the Silver Apron downstream to the brink of Vernal Fall
- *Closures are established to maintain the high levels of water purity for human consumption, in conformance with the other laws (Raker Act), and to provide for visitor safety.*
- The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo (biodegradable or otherwise) is prohibited in all waters of the park. (36CFR 4.12)  
*The restriction is necessary to provide for the highest water quality standards and ecosystem health. Introduction of man-made products may alter water quality and adversely affect micro or macro organisms.*
- Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.  
*This restriction is to protect the public from hazards and preserve the park's natural, aesthetic, and scenic values. The use of machine airborne or controlled devices, such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones, has the potential to interfere with public safety by posing an in-flight hazard to emergency helicopter use in the park. The use of these devices also has the potential to disrupt wildlife by interrupting migration, nesting, mating, and hunting activities to include, but not limited to, protected species such as the Peregrine Falcon. This restriction is in accordance with NPS Management Policy 8.2 which prohibits recreational uses that conflict with the scenic values and view sheds that the park was designated to protect and the associated activities in which individuals seek solitude and tranquility with an expectation of privacy. Furthermore, the use in designated Wilderness Areas violates the Wilderness Act, which prohibits motorized equipment. An interim measure may be put into place at a later date after the park administration evaluates the appropriateness of this new use on a long-term basis.*

- Flying of kites is limited to kites which measure less than 1300 square inches and are tethered by string or similar material less than 150 feet in length. Ahwahnee Meadow, El Capitan Meadow, Big Meadow and Tuolumne Meadow are closed to the flying of kites regardless of size.  
*This restriction is to ensure the safety of low flying aircraft being used in SAR, medical, fire or other emergency situations.*

#### YOSEMITE SKI AND SNOWBOARD AREA

- When Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area concession is operating, non-concessions operated sledding, inner-tubing, and tobogganing is prohibited within the ski area boundary.  
*Sledding is not compatible with downhill skiing, and poses a hazard to both visitors sledding and other ski area visitors.*

#### HETCH HETCHY

The Hetch Hetchy area public use hours and restrictions are as described below:

- The Hetch Hetchy security gates will be open to vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic daily, during the following hours:
 

• 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	April 1 to April 30
• 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	May 1 to Labor Day
• 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Memorial Day after Labor Day to October 31
• 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	November 1 to March 31
- Elevated Threat Level – The Hetch Hetchy security gates will be open to vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic daily, during the following hours and may be restricted further based on security needs:
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Imminent Threat Level – The Hetch Hetchy security gates and the entire area around the O’Shaughnessy Dam and the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir will be closed to public vehicle traffic and visitation when the Department of Homeland Security issues an imminent threat level warning to the nation or the O’Shaughnessy Dam and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.  
*The Superintendent has determined restricted access to Hetch Hetchy is necessary for orderly management of the park and the security of associated facilities.*
- The area between the O’Shaughnessy Dam and the administrative dirt road leading to areas below the dam is closed to public access.
- The Hetch Hetchy boat dock is closed to public access.  
*The Superintendent has determined restricted access to Hetch Hetchy is necessary for orderly management of the park and the security of associated facilities.*
- Public access is prohibited below the high water mark of Hetch Hetchy reservoir per enclosed map.
- Lake Eleanor is closed to all motorized vessels.
- Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is closed to all vessels.
- Swimming, bathing, washing clothes or cooking utensils, and watering stock or in any way polluting waters within Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and within one mile of the high water line of the reservoir along the tributaries flowing into the reservoir is prohibited.  
*These restrictions are necessary to maintain the high degree of water quality found in the Hetch Hetchy and Lake Eleanor Reservoirs as a clean municipal drinking water source free from microbial pathogens and other contaminants. By regulating the use of motorized and non-motorized vessels is in direct support of the Raker Act Water Quality Provisions and the Filtration Avoidance Regulation of this water source.*

## MARIPOSA GROVE

The following are closed during the Mariposa Grove Rehabilitation Project (see map in Appendix):

- The Mariposa Grove Road
- All areas within the Upper and Lower Groves
- All public parking areas and road shoulders within 1/2 mile of South Entrance. Exception: parking on the South side of the restroom will be allowed but limited to ten minutes to allow use of the restroom. See map.
- The Outer Loop Trail remains open unless temporarily signed as closed because of work; off trail travel is prohibited.

*In order to maintain the safety of park visitors, community members, and allow the NPS and its contractors to facilitate the Mariposa Grove Rehabilitation Project and associated operations, the Superintendent has determined it necessary to close these areas until further notice. This closure will be in effect from July 6, 2015 until further notice.*

## WAWONA

- When the Big Trees Lodge Golf Course concession is operating, the course including the apple orchard is closed to all persons that are not with an authorized golfing party.

*Persons walking onto the course interfere with authorized commercial activities and put themselves at risk of injury from golf balls.*

- The following restrictions apply to the Glacier Point Road. **36 CFR § 4.11(b)(1)**
  - Vehicles over 30 feet and/or vehicles pulling trailers are prohibited beyond Sentinel Dome parking lot.
  - Buses with seating capacity of 26 passengers or more, and/or exceeding 30 feet in length are prohibited beyond the Badger Pass turnoff.
  - The park contract concession vehicles are exempt.

*Due to the steep, narrow, and winding road at Glacier Point, large vehicles and vehicles pulling trailers traveling this section of road pose a safety risk to other vehicles.*

- Summit Meadow south of Glacier Point Road is closed to public access when the Glacier Point Road is open.

*This measure is being taken in order to reduce impact to a species of frogs and their habitat. Because of severe population declines, this species is a Federal Candidate Species for listing under the Endangered Species Act.*

## WILDERNESS

- The public use limit for overnight wilderness use is managed by a system of trailhead quotas. Daily overnight entries will not exceed the established quota.
- For wilderness use the following group size limits are in effect:
  - Fifteen (15) person limit per group traveling on established trails to stay in the wilderness overnight.
  - Use of campsites is limited to 15 persons in wilderness areas overnight.
  - Twenty-five (25) head of pack and saddle stock per party on designated trails
  - Twelve (12) head of pack stock and saddle stock on authorized cross-country routes as established by 2.16(g)
  - Eight (8) person limit per group for all off-trail travel (more than ¼-mile off established trails or roads) whether day or overnight use.
  - Day users traveling on established trails may not travel in groups of more than 35 persons.
  - Any group exceeding group size limitations must split into sub-groups providing:
    - adherence to the above group size limitations
    - wilderness trips which begin within the park start from separate trailheads or on separate dates
    - the group travels and camps at least ½ mile apart at all times

*These public use limits are established to provide for public use while protecting natural and cultural resources. Groups that exceed the limits would negatively impact the use and enjoyment of wilderness areas by other smaller groups.*

### HALF DOME

- The following public use limits apply to person ascending any part of the Sub Dome or any part of the Half Dome cables.
  - Each person ascending Half Dome by way of the Sub Dome must have a permit, when the cables are in place.
  - Permits are valid from 12:01 a.m. to midnight for the date specified.
  - Permits are single use.
  - Sale or duplication is prohibited.
  - Up to 300 permits will be issued daily
  - Permits issued by cooperating agencies are not valid for ascending the Half Dome Cables unless the permit was issued by the Inyo National Forest beginning at Cottonwood Lakes or Cottonwood Pass trailheads.

*These public use limits have been determined to be necessary to preserve the wilderness experience visitors to Yosemite's wilderness expect and protect the resources from over use. Higher visitation numbers would have significant impacts to the visitors and resources.*

### KERRICK CANYON

- The following use limits apply to Upper Kerrick Canyon, as depicted on the Upper Kerrick Canyon Meadow Closure Map in the Appendix.
  - All hiking and stock traffic will be confined to the NPS trail system through closed meadow areas.
  - When meadows are closed to grazing the following conditions apply:
    - Stock must be held and fed with supplemental feed in the designated holding area during the duration of stay.
  - When opened to grazing, the following conditions apply:
    - Approved methods to prevent grazing in closed areas include: hobbling, high lining, electric fence, hand grazing and any combination thereof.
    - Electric fences will be placed at least 100 feet from all avoidance areas.
    - Fences should not be placed in areas that have been previously used by earlier season pack stock parties.
    - Stock use will be limited to designated access routes and stock holding area when not grazing.
  - The following apply to overnight use by stock groups:
    - Overnight camping is limited to are immediately adjacent to the preferred fire ring as identified on the Kerrick Canyon Overview Map.
    - Overnight use of the "Upper Kerrick –South" stock site (UTM: Y=4220757 X=282524 based on NAD 83 coordinates) is limited to one stock party per night.
  - Additional restrictions apply to commercial operations utilizing Kerrick Canyon. See Special Park Conditions sections of CUA permit.

*Justification: In August 2008 areas of Kerrick Meadow were restricted and closed to packstock grazing in order to reduce potential impacts to the now federally threatened Yosemite toad (*Anaxyrus canorus*) and federally endangered Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierra*) (both listed June 2014). The determination has been reached that some of the Kerrick Meadow closure can be reopened (on a trial basis) to allow grazing with certain precautionary measures remaining in place until the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and analyses are complete. A Meadow Grazing opening date will be established and posted on the Yosemite wilderness conditions Web page at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildcond.htm>*

### YOSEMITE VALLEY

- Slopes along the Merced River, woodlands, and meadows are closed when they are fenced or signed.  
*These closures are necessary to restore vegetation and protect natural resources.*

- All commercial buses visiting Yosemite Valley, not including vans, are required to unload and pick up their passengers, and park only in areas designated by their commercial use authorization.  
*Due to the limited parking in Yosemite Valley for large vehicles and the need to control large groups disembarking in congested areas, designated areas, as defined in a commercial use agreement, have been established for the orderly management of the park.*
- Buses are prohibited from stopping at Fern Spring.  
*This restriction is due to the sensitive nature of the Fern Spring area, and the impact of large groups walking in and around the spring.*
- The Ceremonial Round House, the Sweat House, and the Chief's House in the Indian Village are closed to public entry.  
*These closures are necessary to protect the spiritual sanctity of these structures still used by the Miwok.*
- Parking restrictions in Yosemite Valley are as follows:
  - Village Store, General Offices Parking is prohibited from 12:00AM to 6:00AM.
  - Church Bowl Picnic Area parking is prohibited from 12:00AM to 6:00AM.
  - Yosemite Lodge Parking requires a permit from 12:00AM to 6:00AM.
  - Camp 4 parking requires a permit 24 hours a day*The Superintendent has determined these restrictions are necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park. Administrative functions are exempt from this restriction.*
- The following picnic areas will be closed from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise:
  - El Cap Picnic Area
  - Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
  - Sentinel Beach Picnic Area*The Superintendent has determined these restrictions are necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park. Administrative functions are exempt from this restriction.*

## ROAD CLOSURES

- The following roads will be closed seasonally due to snow and ice:
  - Glacier Point Road east of Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area
  - Tioga Road
  - Chowchilla Mountain Road
  - Mariposa Grove Road (when required due to snowplow restrictions)*These restrictions are necessary to provide for public safety and use, as winter conditions make for hazardous driving and facilities are only opened and maintained seasonally.*
- The Happy Isles Road from the Happy Isles Trailhead parking area to the concession stables including the Mirror Lake Road is restricted to shuttle bus, vehicles displaying a handicap placard, pedestrian and bicycle use.  
*This restriction is necessary to provide for visitor safety on a multi-use roadway that is heavily used by pedestrians, bicycles and stock.*
- The Tuolumne Grove Road, Eleven-Mile Road, Meadow Loop, Four-Mile, signed service roads, and gated roads are closed to public motor vehicle traffic.  
*The closure is necessary for natural resource protection and for public safety as this Sequoia Grove is one of three protected groves. These areas are not maintained as public access roads, and are only maintained for fire and emergency access.*
- From October 15 until the roads open to overnight use the following year, leaving vehicles unattended at any time from sunset to sunrise along the following roads or at trailheads or any other areas accessible from these roads is prohibited:
  - Tioga Road from the gate at Nature Bridge to the east park boundary
  - Glacier Point Road east of Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area*Once these roads receive snow sufficient to close them, they may remain closed until the following spring. This restriction prevents the vehicles of overnight users from being buried in deep snow for the entire winter.*
- During the spring road opening, the Tioga Road is closed to overnight parking from sunset to sunrise restricting the area to day use only.  
*This restriction is necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park and opening of facilities.*

**36CFR 1.5(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under §§(a)(1) or (2) have been terminated:**

- Vessel use on portions of the following rivers is now permitted under specifics and conditions included in this document:
  - Merced River
  - Tuolumne River
  - The South Fork of the Merced River
- Some of the Kerrick Meadow closure has been reopened to allow some grazing with conditions identified in this document and on any commercial use authorizations.

## **II. ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

### **36 CFR § 1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**The following is a compilation of activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:**

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - Ascending any part of the Sub Dome or any part of the Half Dome Cables on designated days as described in section I of the Compendium.Conditions of the permit:
  - Each person ascending Half Dome by way of the Sub Dome, if travelling during the time when the cables are up (May-October) must have a permit.
  - Permits are valid from 12:01 a.m. to midnight for the date specified.
  - Permits are single use.
  - Sale or duplication is prohibited.
  - Activities or special events that exceed group size limits.
  - Use of a UAS
- §2.1 Wood cutting
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Research Specimen (taking plant, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals)
- §2.10(a) A permit is required to camp in Yosemite National Park. Permits may not be transferred, sold or purchased beyond initial issuance.
- §2.12 Audio Disturbance
  - (a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas (Permit issued in conjunction with a wood collection permit [1.5(a)(2)].)
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or 2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft or parts
- §2.23(a) Recreational Fees
  - Pursuant to Part 71.13(c) and 71.13(d), a permit is necessary for waiver of fees for educational or scientific visits; or for park employees or residents.
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods, or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conducting sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events.
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views involving more than 25 people.
- §2.52(a) Sale or distribution of printed matter involving more than 25 people.
- §2.60(b) Livestock Use

- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director)
  - (b) Scattering human ashes from cremation
- §4.11 Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight, and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - Display, posting, or distribution.
- §5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants on private land (requires approval of Regional Director)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.4 Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming: See also 43 CFR 5.1
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, paths, structures, etc.
- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas.
- § 6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site.

#### PART 7 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- §7.16 Yosemite National Park
  - (c) Powerless flight.
  - (h)(1) Eating and drinking establishments and sale of food and drink.
  - (j) Domestic water supplies and sewage disposal systems on private lands within Yosemite National Park.
  - (l) Motor vehicles operating exclusively in the park.
  - (m) Trucking permits issued in emergencies.

#### PART 34 EL PORTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SITE REGULATIONS

- §34.5 Activities that require a permit listed above apply to the El Portal Administrative Site
- §34.6(c) Fires
- §34.8 Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources
  - (a) Cutting or removal of any tree, plant, shrub on non-leased lands
  - (b) Cutting or removing any vegetation exceeding six inches on leased lands
- §34.10 Saddle and pack animals

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR § 2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES** (a)(4)

Dead wood on the ground (other than the giant sequoia) may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- Below 9600 feet elevation and
- Outside Yosemite Valley. The limits of Yosemite Valley are Big Oak Flat & El Portal Roads on the west, Rims of the Valley on the south and north, and the line from the confluence of Snow Creek and Tenaya Creek to one mile above Nevada Falls on the east.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries, or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption at the collection site, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions.

- Blackberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Himalayan blackberry-unlimited quantity
- Raspberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Elderberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Strawberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Thimbleberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Huckleberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Fungi, Edible - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, must be cut (not pulled)

The following may be gathered and transported from the collection site for non-commercial use:

- Apples
- Pears

*Minor collection of any of these resources does not adversely affect park wildlife.*

### **36 CFR § 2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state and federal law.
  - Game must be kept out of sight as much as practicable.
  - Legally taken game must be transported from the entrance gate to the exit gate on the public road system in the most direct route and are not allowed overnight in the park, except where lawfully taken game is possessed by a resident within the park.
  - The transportation of wildlife is not allowed on any portion of the Yosemite Trail system except, the Kibbie Ridge to Boundary Lake Trail on that segment between Sasche Springs and Styx Pass.
- (e) The entire park is closed to viewing wildlife with an artificial light.

### **36 CFR § 2.3 – FISHING**

- (a) Except in designated areas or as provided in this section fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a park area or portion thereof is located. Non-conflicting State laws are adopted as a part of these regulations.
- Fishing from a bridge in developed areas is prohibited, including Wawona Swinging Bridge.
  - Fishing from the top of O'Shaughnessy Dam or boat dock is prohibited.

### **36 CFR § 2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

(d)(2) The carrying of weapons must be in compliance with state law. The Superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net under the following circumstances:

- To persons in charge of pack trains or saddle horses, emergency use is meant solely for the use of dispatching injured stock.
- The weapon must remain unloaded until there is a circumstance in which an animal must be dispatched.

### **36 CFR § 2.5 RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

- (a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals except in accordance with other regulation of this chapter or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit, is prohibited.
- Qualifying researchers must be in compliance with the General Condition for Scientific Research and Collecting Permit as described under the National Park Service Research Permit and Reporting System.
  - All environmental compliance issues (e.g., categorical exclusions), and minimum requirement analysis for research conducted in the wilderness, must be resolved prior to commencement of specimen collecting.

### **36 CFR § 2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

- (a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for all campgrounds and camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted.
- Camping is permitted for not more than a total of 30 days in any calendar year, provided that during the period from May 1 through September 15 inclusive, camping is limited to a total of 14 days. During the same period, camping within the Yosemite Valley and Wawona areas is limited to not more than a total of 7 days.

#### **Camping – Non-Wilderness**

- Camping in non-Wilderness areas of the park is permitted only in the following designated camps:
  - Family Sites: Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines, Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Crane Flat, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf, Yosemite Creek, Porcupine Flat,

Tuolumne Meadows

- Walk in Camps: Camp 4, some sections of Hodgdon Meadow Campground
  - Backpacker Camps: Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, White Wolf
  - Group Camps: Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Hodgdon Meadow, Tuolumne Meadows
  - Horse Camps: Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy
- When an individual pays a camping fee, occupies a campsite, or registers in a campground, the following conditions are in effect. Under 2.10(c), violating these conditions is prohibited and the permit may be suspended or revoked.
    - Checkout time in all campgrounds is 12:00 noon on the day the permit expires.
    - Camp only in established sites in designated campgrounds.
    - Camping wastewater must be dumped into utility sinks at restroom units when provided.
    - When sinks are not provided, wastewater must be dumped at least 100 feet from lakes, rivers, or streams.
    - Campground parking permits must be displayed on all vehicles parked in campground parking areas with the campground name, site number, and valid dates visible through the windshield unless other requirements are posted at the campground kiosk.
    - A maximum of two vehicles or four motorcycles are allowed per site in Family Sites.
    - A maximum of two vehicles and two trailers are allowed per site in Horse Camps.
    - A maximum of five vehicles or ten motorcycles are allowed per site in Group Camps.
    - Groups are not permitted to park motor homes, trailers, campers, or other recreational vehicles in Group Camp parking areas.
    - Where parking pads are provided, vehicles must be parked with all wheels on the pad.
    - Except for administrative activities, vehicles are not allowed within the boundaries of Walk-In or Backpacker Camps.
    - A maximum of six occupants are allowed per site in Family Sites.
    - Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. sites are to be occupied only by those registered with that site.
    - Each Walk-In and Backpacker Camp user must register individually.
    - After checkout time, any unattended property remaining in a site may be impounded immediately.
    - Reserving or holding campsites for others in non-wilderness campgrounds operating under a first come first-served basis is prohibited.
    - Campsite registration must occur within 30 minutes of arrival.
    - Backpacker camps are intended for use by visitors in possession of an overnight Wilderness Permit or for visitors arriving in the park by foot, bicycle, or bus. Wilderness permit holders may stay in a backpacker camp the night prior to departure and the night after returning from each overnight Wilderness trip.
    - Users arriving in the park by foot, bicycle, or bus may stay in each backpacker camp for a limit of one night.
    - Generator use is permitted only between the hours of:
      - 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
      - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
      - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Camping – Wilderness

(a) The sites and areas below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Wilderness permits issued by a cooperating agency which includes the Yosemite trail system as part of the itinerary, and enter Yosemite from an adjacent wilderness or forest are accepted as valid for wilderness travel within Yosemite.
- With the exception of people on big wall climbs, all persons who wish to sleep overnight, camp, bivouac, or are in possession of equipment designed for overnight use in the wilderness/backcountry, must obtain and carry with them at all times a wilderness permit (one permit per group). The permit is valid only for the dates/trailheads indicated.
- Washing and water used for rinsing must be disposed of at least 100 feet from lakes and streams in the wilderness.
- Camping is prohibited:
  - Within 100 feet of a trail unless terrain permits no other options
  - Within 25 feet of a trail at all times
  - Below the high water line at both Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy
  - In the watershed of the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River
  - Happy Isles to Little Yosemite Valley campground
  - Any area within 1 mile of a public access road
    - Except at May Lake High Sierra Camp, May Lake Backpackers Camp, Inspiration Point, Poopenaut Valley and the Lake Eleanor Campground
- When Glacier Point road is closed due to winter conditions, camping is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Within 1½ miles of the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area boundary
  - Summit Meadow, Dewey Point and the Glacier Point area (see maps)
- Camping is restricted in the following areas to designated campgrounds (see maps).
  - Little Yosemite Valley campground
  - Merced Lake High Sierra Camp
  - Sunrise High Sierra Camp
  - Vogelsang High Sierra Camp
  - Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp
  - May Lake High Sierra Camp
- Camping is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Happy Isles to Little Yosemite Valley campground
  - Between Little Yosemite Valley campground and Moraine Dome campground; including the area below 6,800 feet elevation from the east end of Moraine Dome to Grizzly Peak
  - Between Little Yosemite Valley campground and the Sunrise Trail Junction
  - In the Lost Lake basin, except camping is permitted at Snake Dike and the Diving Board.
  - See maps in the appendix for details
- Camping in the Mariposa Grove is prohibited.

*Camping is an intensive use of park resources. All of the camping regulations are in effect to protect 1) the natural features of the park from the abuses which can result when camping activities go unchecked, and 2) the quality of the visitor's camping experience. Limitations on camping days, persons per site, trailhead quotas, etc., seek to achieve this protection while still providing an equitable allocation of camping opportunities. Restrictions on travel patterns in certain areas are needed to maintain use levels within established capacities. Other restrictions seek to avoid exposing visitors to hazards or conflicts with other visitor groups (concession trips, heavy day use)*

(b)(3) Camping with 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- An established campsite exists or terrain permits no other options.
- Camping is prohibited within 25 feet of a stream, river or body of water at all times.

(c) The following camping conditions are in effect for wilderness use. Violating these permit conditions is prohibited.

- All persons who wish to sleep overnight, camp, bivouac in the wilderness/backcountry must obtain and carry with them at all times a wilderness permit (one permit per group).
- The permit is only valid for the trip leader, trailheads, dates, and number of people specified on the permit.
- The first nights camping location must be on the same side of the road as the indicated trailhead.
- The only exception to the wilderness permit requirement are people on big wall climbs. However, once they have completed their route, they must exit the wilderness/backcountry within 12 hours.

(d) The following conditions are established to regulate food storage:

- When not stored as described below, all food and food containers must be within six feet of an awake person.

#### Food Storage - Non-Wilderness Areas

- In a properly closed bear resistant food locker.
- In a properly closed bear resistant portable food container that is allowed for use in the park by the NPS.
- In a properly closed bear resistant dumpster.
- In the interior of a vehicle which is occupied and under the physical control of the operator or occupant; and occupants are not camping, [see 36 CFR 1.4 definition of camping].
- During daylight hours in the interior of a vehicle which has all windows, vents, and doors closed and the food is out of sight.
- From sunset to sunrise food must not be stored in the interior of a vehicle except in any of the following circumstances:
  - The vehicle is an occupied camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material and food is not visible and not odoriferous from the outside.
  - The vehicle is an unoccupied camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material with windows, vents, and doors closed, and food is not visible and not odoriferous from the outside.
  - An unoccupied vehicle is parked in an area outside of established lodging and camping facilities and where bear proof food storage lockers are not available and the food is not visible or odoriferous from the outside.
- Inside a hard sided building that does not restrict food storage and that is occupied or has windows and doors closed.
- Occupants of canvas sided structures must store food in food lockers, refrigerators fitted with latches and are properly latched, or other animal resistant container.
- If a park-provided food locker is full, the occupants of that site or unit may store a clean ice chest that is empty, or contains only plain water or ice on top of or next to the full locker.

#### Food Storage - Wilderness Areas

- Any person camping within the Yosemite Wilderness is required to store food items, items carrying food scents and toiletries in a bear resistant food storage container that is allowed for use in the park by the NPS or in a NPS provided food storage locker.
- All other food storage systems are prohibited in the Wilderness.
- When requested, any person camping, intending to camp or permitted to camp within the Yosemite Wilderness must provide proof that they are in possession of a Yosemite approved bear resistant food storage container.
- Food, toiletries and scented items must be properly stored when items are not being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption, or when items are unattended (greater than six feet away of an awake person).
- An exception to the above requirements is granted for winter use in designated areas within Yosemite

Wilderness as noted below:

- Overnight visitors using skis or snowshoes in the following areas are not required to store food in bear resistant food canisters: 1) above 7200 feet in elevation or 2) above 6800 feet and within a ½ mile of a marked ski trail.
- Overnight visitors are required to hang their food to protect it from wildlife.
- The winter use exception is in effect from December 15 of each year until March 30 the following year unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent.

*Food storage regulations balance visitor use and protection of Yosemite's wildlife, including, but not limited to, bears. Food, toiletries, and scented items must be stored properly to ensure that park wildlife does not access it. Food storage methods other than those described above are not approved by Yosemite National Park and/or have shown to be ineffective in preventing wildlife from retrieving food.*

### **36 CFR § 2.11 – PICNICKING**

- The following areas are closed to picnicking:
  - All closed Yosemite Valley campgrounds
  - All open Yosemite Valley Campgrounds except from October 15 to the closing date of each campground or by March first if the campground is not subject to a seasonal closure.
  - Picnickers must yield campground sites to persons who wish to camp.
  - Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, and Crane Flat Campgrounds during reservation period when posted.
  - Food must not be left unattended.

### **36 CFR § 2.12 - AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

- The following developed areas are open to the use of power saws with a wood cutting permit: El Portal, Foresta, Hodgdon Meadow, and Wawona woodlots.

### **36 CFR § 2.13 – FIRES**

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- Cook stoves are permitted.
- Fires are allowed in the following areas:
  - Campgrounds
  - Wood fires are permissible in picnic areas with fire grates
  - Residential areas
  - As a condition of a permit or for administrative activities.
  - In Little Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra Campgrounds (except Vogelsang High Sierra Camp), fires are allowed only in the communal fire rings provided.
  - Wilderness campsites below 9600 feet in existing fire rings, except they are prohibited:
    - Within 100 feet from trail or body of water even if fire ring exists
    - On the top of Half Dome
    - The Upper and Lower Cathedral Lake basins
    - Within ¼ mile of the shoreline of Kibbie Lake.
- Beaches are not designated for fires and therefore prohibited.
- Fires are allowed under the following conditions:
  - Fires may only be lighted in grates, grills, fire rings, cook stoves, or barbecue grills
  - The construction of new fire rings is prohibited.
  - Burning of giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron Giganteum*) is prohibited
  - The burning of leaves, tree needles, conifer cones, and wet or green wood is prohibited except in residential areas for the purpose of clearing for a defensible space against wildfire in Wawona, Foresta, and Aspen Valley. Burning must be in compliance with local county residential burning regulations.
    - Burning is not permitted during the fire season (Fire season start and end as declared by the Fire Management Officer and posted on the Yosemite National Park Website).
    - Burning is allowed only on permissive burn days as established by Mariposa County and the Air Resources Board. Call the Mariposa County burn day information line to check burn day status prior to burning.
    - The individual or home owner must notify park dispatch to include the start and end

- times and location of activity.
- Maximum pile size 4 foot in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10 feet of the outer edge of burn pile.
- Adult in attendance with shovel until fire is dead out.
- Keep 5 gallons water supply or charged hose at the burning site.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe. No burning shall be undertaken when wind speeds or gusts in excess of 5 MPH are present or forecast.
- Burn vegetation debris only.
- At the discretion of the Superintendent, fires may be prohibited during some periods and at specified locations during extreme fire conditions or when poor air quality conditions exist.
- From May 1 through September 30, all wood fires are restricted in Yosemite Valley campgrounds and picnic areas to between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
  - From October 1 to April 30, wood fires are allowed any time.
  - Administrative activities and the heating of buildings/residences are excepted from this restriction.
  - These conditions do not apply to wood stove fires used for heating buildings, residences, and for administrative activities.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All fires should be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining. If a portable barbecue grill is used, all ashes/coals must be thoroughly extinguished and cooled and then removed from the park or placed in a trash receptacle.

*While fire is a natural part of the Sierra ecosystem, these regulations are designed to prevent human caused fires and limit the impacts of campfires on the natural resources of Yosemite.*

### **36 CFR § 2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established for the following:

- In non-developed areas, solid human waste and service animal waste must be buried 6-inches deep in the soil at least 100 feet from trails, campsites and bodies of water.
- During winter use, snow should be removed and waste buried 6 inches deep in soil or waste should be carried out and disposed of in a vault toilet.
- Toilet paper and feminine hygiene products must be packed out.
- Solid waste excreted while on any climb in Yosemite National Park must be placed in a small container carried off the climb and disposed of in one of the vault toilets provided by the National Park Service.

*Sanitation regulations are in effect to reduce contact between visitors and human waste, prevent contamination of water bodies and reduce trash, including toilet paper and hygiene products being left in non-developed areas.*

### **36 CFR § 2.15 – PETS**

(a)(1) The following structures/areas are closed to pets except for service animals:

- All trails
- Non-developed and designated Wilderness areas
- Specific areas as posted by signs
- Camp 4 and all backpacker campgrounds
- Non-developed areas of Tuolumne Meadows (The intent of this limit is to restrict pets from within the open natural areas and trails of Tuolumne Meadows, but not the road corridor or parking areas).
- When snow depth is sufficient for skiing, pets are not permitted on unplowed roads.
- Mariposa Grove Tram Road

(a)(1) Pets are allowed in the following structures/areas:

- Permanent residential areas
- When leashed, on fully paved roads, paved sidewalks and bicycle pathways
- When leashed, on Meadow Loop and Four-Mile fire roads in Wawona
- When leashed, on Carlon Road and Old Big Oak Flat Road between Hodgdon Meadow and the Tuolumne Grove parking lot.
- When leashed, on Eleven-Mile and Chowchilla Mountain roads.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet excrement must be removed immediately and disposed of in waste receptacles.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Pet ownership is restricted to two (2) pets per household. This will include cats, dogs, and other normal non-intrusive small household pets. Farm-type animals will not be permitted as pets. Wild animals native to the park shall not be permitted as pets.
- Pets within Yosemite National Park must be contained within the residence, under physical restraint, or on a leash at all times. Under no circumstances may a pet be left unattended on a leash or zip wire unless a responsible person is available to monitor the activities of the pet.
- All dogs must be registered and licensed in compliance with county ordinances and state laws. Dogs must have two current inoculations for rabies and DHL (distemper, leptospirosis and hepatitis). Dogs shall bear a collar at all times. Cats must be inoculated for rabies and distemper.
- The breeding of all pets is prohibited except by permit from the Superintendent. If a female is bred accidentally, offspring shall be removed before they are three months old.

### **36 CFR § 2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals:

- Horses, Mules, Burros, and Llamas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is permitted on all park trails, routes and areas except:

- Bicycle paths, tram roads and shuttle bus routes
- The Mist Trail from Happy Isles to Nevada Falls, paved foot trails, and the Mirror Lake Road in Yosemite Valley
- Gaylor Lakes Foot Trail from Tioga Pass Entrance Station to Gaylor Lakes
- Chilnualna Falls Foot Trail from parking area in Wawona to the junction with the stock trail which starts at the intersection of Loop Road and Larke Avenue.
- All trails in the Mariposa Grove except the Outer Loop trail between the Fish Camp Trail and the Wawona Trail in the Upper Grove.
- Other areas and trails as signed.
- Llamas are not allowed on the High Sierra Camp Loop, the Vernal/Nevada Falls corridor, or the river trail from Nevada Falls to Merced Lake. Exceptions may be made for Pacific Crest and John Muir Trail users with written permission of the Superintendent.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Off Trail/cross-country travel is prohibited. Stock may travel 1/4 mile off trail for purposes of watering, rest stops or camping. The following are exceptions:
  - Miwok Lake Route
  - Avonelle Lake Route
  - Mattie Lake Route
  - Lyell Fork of the Merced Route
  - Horse Thief Canyon Route
  - Givens Lake Route

- Establishing new trails and short cutting trails/switchbacks is prohibited.
- Stock may travel up to ¼ mile off trail for purposes of watering, rest stops or camping.
- Stock parties must travel in single file whenever possible. On maintained stock routes, overnight

wilderness users are limited to 15 people and 25 head of stock.

- On authorized cross country routes, overnight wilderness users are limited to 8 people and 12 head of stock.
- Grazing is prohibited within four miles of trailheads and paved roads, immediately surrounding any High Sierra Camp, and in Mariposa Grove.
- Special conditions apply in Kerrick Canyon. See section 1.5.
- Tying to trees or in a campsite for periods longer than is needed to load and unload is prohibited.
- When picketed on a line, stock must be tied so they cannot chew on tree bark or eat the leaves of woody vegetation.
- Stock must be picketed at least 100 feet from any stream, lake, or spring.
- Non-wilderness camping with stock is permitted only within designated areas of Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, and Bridalveil Campgrounds and Wawona. The following conditions apply to these areas:
  - Grazing is prohibited
  - Feed must be provided by the camper
  - Sites must be cleaned of manure and uneaten food on a daily basis. Refuse must be raked, bagged and deposited into a dumpster.
  - Watering facilities must be used when they are provided.
  - Use of corrals is limited to the area directly under the provided highlines.

*Stock regulations are in place to limit impacts from pack animals on the natural resources of Yosemite National Park while allowing for public and commercial stock use. These regulations balance stock use with other recreational uses and restrict use in areas where impacts to resources are likely to occur.*

### **36 CFR § 2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY**

(a)(1) The following areas have been designated pursuant to special regulations for operating or using aircraft:

- Hang gliding is allowed by permit at locations and areas designated in the permit. 7.16(c)

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the Superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:

- A permit is required for the removal of any downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof

### **36 CFR § 2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

- The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:
  - Yosemite Village Mall
  - Bicycle paths in Yosemite Valley
  - Residential areas
  - Campgrounds

### **36 CFR § 2.21 – SMOKING**

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:

- All public buildings and public areas of concession buildings (including restrooms)
- Within 25 feet of any building, except those used as a single family residence.
- Other areas as posted
- Smoking while traveling on trails is prohibited. Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.

### **36 CFR § 2.22 – PROPERTY**

(a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:

- Visitors on permitted overnight trips into or through wilderness areas may leave their vehicles unattended for the period specified by their wilderness permit. There is no overnight parking allowed in the Village Store, General Office or Churchbowl parking lots.
- Visitors with overnight accommodation in lodges or campgrounds may leave their vehicles unattended for the period of their stay. Permits must be displayed.
- Any motor vehicle which is immobile because it is not capable of moving under its own power due to mechanical malfunction or any vehicle which is inoperable because it cannot be operated legally on public roads because it is unlicensed or unregistered may be impounded by the Superintendent through the following process:
  - The owner of the vehicle will be notified of pending impoundment. Leaving a notice on or in the vehicle, or at the owner's residence, or issuing a notice directly to the owner fulfills the notification process. Ten days after notification the vehicle may be impounded.
- Unattended property or vehicles which contain improperly stored food or food containers located in any public area may be impounded at the owner's expense.
- Items left in food lockers more than 14 days or past the checkout time for the campsite may be impounded.
- Individuals leaving pets unattended or in violation of California Penal Code 597.7(a) are subject to immediate impoundment of their property/pet.

### **36 CFR § 2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

(b) Recreation fees, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

#### Entrance Fee Areas:

- Yosemite National Park collects entrance fees at the Arch Rock Entrance Station, South Entrance Station, Big Oak Flat Entrance Station, Tioga Pass Entrance Station, Valley Campground Office and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station when these stations are open.
- Employees or residents are not required to pay entrance fees. A permit (decal) must be displayed on their vehicle in the lower left hand corner of the driver's side windshield. The sticker must be removed if any of the following occur:
  - Sale or transfer of the vehicle
  - Expiration of the sticker
  - Termination of employment.

(c) The collection of recreation fees will be suspended during the following periods:

- Periods of wildfire, power failures, or other emergencies as authorized by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR § 2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- The following areas are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages:
  - Visitor centers and auditoriums unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
  - Amphitheaters and other sites designated for interpretive programs unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
  - Trams, tour and shuttle buses.
  - Any ski lift at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area
  - Stoneman Bridge, Clark's Bridge and Housekeeping Bridge

- Other than during posted times of operation, the following areas are closed to the possession of open containers and consumption:
  - Degnan's Complex
  - Village Grill
  - Half Dome Village pizza deck, seating areas adjacent to the retail stores, and courtyard benches.
  - Tuolumne Meadows Grill and Store
  - Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area Lodge
  - Big Tree Hotel Golf Shop
  - Yosemite Valley Lodge plaza and patio.
  - The Majestic Hotel patio and courtyard.

*The consumption of alcohol at these locations has interfered with the enjoyment of the park by others. These restrictions are necessary to maintain order and provide for visitor safety.*

### **36 CFR § 2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Permits are required for any special event utilizing park areas.
- Special events such as walk-a-thons, races, endurance runs or competitive events, commercial or otherwise, will not be permitted in wilderness areas.
- Solicitation activities (per 36 CFR § 2.37) require a permit

### **36 CFR § 2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS**

(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- Yosemite Valley near park headquarters and the visitor center (see map).
- Wawona next to the store (see map).
- O'Shaughnessy Dam by the day use parking area (see map).
- The following locations in Yosemite Valley, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, when not being utilized for previously scheduled public or administrative purposes:
  - The Yosemite Valley Chapel
  - Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater
  - Lower River Campground Amphitheater
  - Valley Theater

### **36 CFR § 2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above) when the superintendent has issued a permit.

### **36 CFR § 2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the following areas, and/or according to the following terms and conditions.

The scattering of human ashes from cremation is allowed pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit as outlined below:

- The remains to be scattered must have been processed by pulverization after cremation.
- The scattering of human ashes by persons on the ground is to be performed out of sight of park visitors and at least 100 yards from any trail, road, walkway, parking area, developed facility, watercourse, or body of water.
- The scattering of cremated remains from the air is prohibited.
- Ashes must be scattered over an area large enough so that they will not accumulate in one place.
- No marker of any kind may be left to commemorate the event.
- No publicity is to be given to this activity.
- The use of a commercial, for profit venture to distribute cremated remains in the park is prohibited.

- Except for the authorization to scatter cremated human remains, nothing in this permit shall be construed as authorizing an entry or activity otherwise prohibited or restricted by law or regulation.

*[Note: the installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in Yosemite National Park is prohibited by 2.62(a) of the general regulations. However, names may be added to the Book of Memories located in the Yosemite Chapel in Yosemite Valley.]*

**36CFR § 3.8 (a)(2) Launching or recovery of a vessel is prohibited, except at the following sites:**

- The Merced River:
  - The shoreline of the Merced River from the headwaters to the Little Yosemite Valley Campground.
  - Non-vegetated areas downstream from Clark’s Bridge for approximately 100 feet or as signed.
  - Non-vegetated areas downstream from Stoneman Bridge for approximately 100 feet or as signed.
  - Non-vegetated areas of El Capitan Bridge for approximately 100 feet upstream and downstream or as signed.
  - Non-vegetated areas of shoreline downstream from Pohono Bridge.
  - Non-vegetated areas of shoreline at Sentinel Beach for approximately 100 feet or as signed.
- The South Fork of the Merced River- non-vegetated areas of shoreline from the headwaters to 100 yards upriver from the Wawona impoundment.
- The South Fork of the Merced River- non-vegetated areas of shoreline downriver from the Wawona impoundment.
- The Tuolumne River:
  - Pothole Dome area: downstream of the meadow
  - Glen Aulin within 100’ of the bridge
  - Pate Valley: the shore within 100’ of the bridge
- The non-vegetated shore of the eastern edge of Tenaya Lake.
- Scouting rapids and bypassing obstacles is allowed for safety purposes.

**36 CFR § 3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING**

The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing (see 36CFR 1.5, in this document):

- At the pool of the Wawona Domestic Water Intake and that area within 100 yards upstream.
- Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and one mile from the high water mark of the reservoir along any tributary directly flowing into the reservoir.
- Lake Eleanor Reservoir when posted.
- Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River above the domestic water source intake.
- Emerald Pool and the Silver Apron.

The following restrictions apply to all swimming and wading activities:

- The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo (biodegradable or otherwise) is prohibited in all waters of the park.

**36 CFR § 4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT, AND SIZE LIMITS**

(a) The following load, weight, and size limits, which are more restrictive than state law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- The following kingpin-to-rear-axle (KPRA) distance are established for park roads:
  - The Wawona Road has a KPRA of 40 feet.
  - The Big Oak Flat Road has a KPRA of less than 30 feet.
  - The Tioga Pass Road has a KPRA of 40 feet
  - The El Portal Road has a KPRA of 32 feet.

- During periods when road base of specific park roads is saturated, a weight restriction for vehicles of 14,000 pounds will be signed and enforced.
- California legal trucks must be no longer than 14 feet high, 102 inches wide, and 40 feet long if a single vehicle, and 65 feet long if a combination vehicle. An overall length exception to 75 feet is given for a truck, tractor, semi-trailer, trailer combinations (doubles) if each trailer is no more than 28 feet six inches long.
  - California legal truck with single trailer:
    - Semi-trailer = no limit
    - KPRA = 40 feet maximum (if two axles in rear)
    - KPRA = 38 feet maximum (if one axle in rear)
    - Combination length = 65 feet maximum
  - California legal truck with double trailer:
    - Semi-trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum
    - Trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum
    - KPRA = no limit
    - Combination length = 75 feet maximum
- or-
- Either trailer or semi-trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum; the other trailer has no limit.
- KPRA = no limit
- Combination length = 65 feet maximum

*Additional vehicle load, weight, and size limits can be found in 36 CFR § 1.5 Visiting Hours, Public Use Limits, Closures, and Area Designations for Specific Use of Activities.*

### **36 CFR § 4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- The maximum speed on park roads is 35 mph unless posted otherwise.
- When and where chain controls are in effect, the maximum speed shall be 25 mph.
- The speed limit approaching and leaving all entrance station areas is 20 mph.
- When the Yosemite Valley special use lane is in effect, the maximum speed shall be 25 mph on Southside Drive from El Capitan Cross to Sentinel Cross when posted.

*The roads in Yosemite are steep, narrow, and winding; vehicles cannot safely negotiate turns at higher speeds. The lower speed limits are necessary to reduce risk of personal injury and damage to the property and the natural resource.*

### **36 CFR § 4.30 – BICYCLES**

(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:

- Paved trails designated as “paved bikeways” on the official park brochure.
- Meadow Loop, Trimble Peak Road, Eleven Mile, and Four Mile Fire roads in Wawona.
- At the Superintendent's discretion, bicycles may be permitted on certain closed roads such as the Glacier Point and Mariposa Grove Roads when no other conflicts exist.
- Spring bicycle use of the Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road is permitted on days and during times in which no snow removal activities are under way, when the road is cleared of snow but not yet opened to vehicle traffic, and subject to any limits or restrictions set by the superintendent.
- The following routes are closed to bicycle use:
  - Mariposa Grove Tram Road
  - The surface of the O'Shaughnessy Dam
  - All dirt roads starting from the gate at the top of O'Shaughnessy Dam leading to areas below the dam.
  - Cyclists on rental bicycles are prohibited on the bicycle path between Mirror Lake and the bicycle racks at the base of the Mirror Lake Road.
  - Yosemite Falls paved trails where signed closed to bicyclists.
  - The Hetch Hetchy Road when the gates are closed.

*The roads are closed to bicycles to limit risk of serious injury to bicyclist, pedestrians, or motorists. The Mariposa Grove Tram road is used for tram tours with truck-trailer configurations, tight turning radius, and steep grades. Bicycles present a significant risk to cyclists and tram operators which cannot be safely accommodated on the same road surface. Hetch*

*Hetchy Reservoir and O'Shaughnessy Dam are state critical infrastructure with significant security concerns. Bicycle use at Hetch Hetchy is permitted on roads open only to motor vehicles.*

**36 CFR § 4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

- Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:
  - All areas of the park when the person is off the roadway surface and when public safety and traffic flow are not adversely affected.
  - When vehicles may safely pull off of the main traffic lane into a turnout or safely onto the shoulder to allow for the passengers to be received.
  - When not under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.
  - When hitchhiking behavior is safe and not a nuisance
  - Except in residential areas where signs exist establishing the area as residential areas only and discouraging public traffic.

**36 CFR § 7.16(c)**

- Powerless flight requires a permit from the Superintendent.

# APPENDIX

Revised  
May 6, 2011

## Yosemite National Park Pet Policy

This policy includes government housing within Yosemite National Park and in the El Portal Administrative Site. The pet policy is a condition of the Housing Assignment Agreement.

### **Objective:**

To provide the occupants of government furnished housing the opportunity to have and keep pets where appropriate and provide management with the direction for administrating a pet policy for occupants of government furnished housing.

### **Conditions:**

The following conditions will govern the keeping of pets in Yosemite National Park and the El Portal Administrative Site.

1. Within Yosemite National Park and the El Portal Administrative Site, pet ownership is restricted to two (2) pets per household. This will include cats, dogs, and other normal non-intrusive small household pets. Farm-type animals will not be permitted as pets. Wild animals native to the Park shall not be permitted as pets.
2. Pets within Yosemite National Park must be contained within the residence, under physical restraint, or on a leash at all times. Under no circumstances may a pet be left unattended on a leash or zip wire unless a responsible person is available to monitor the activities of the pet.
3. Pets are not permitted in any seasonal/shared housing units. The only exception are service animals accompanying disabled persons, and authorized dogs used by law enforcement personnel. For such exceptions, the employee must petition the Superintendent, in writing, prior to occupying the house for written approval.
4. Pets will not be allowed in summer assignment stations such as Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, Glacier Point, and Hetch-Hetchy. The Superintendent may grant exceptions for working search dogs, law enforcement and service animals.
5. Pet owners within the El Portal Administrative Site shall not let dogs run at large. (Meaning off the premises of the owner and not under reasonable control or restraint of the owner)

6. Mariposa County ordinance require dogs must be kept on a leash at all times in public areas. This includes; county parks, county recreation areas, school or school grounds, public streets, and trailer parks.
7. All dogs must be registered and licensed in compliance with county ordinances and state laws. Dogs must have two current inoculations for rabies and DHL (distemper, leptospirosis and hepatitis). Dogs shall bear a collar at all times. Cats must be inoculated for rabies and distemper.
8. Any pet observed running at large and observed by an authorized person to be in the act of killing, injuring, or molesting humans or wildlife, may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife. The owner is liable for any associated expenses.
9. Pet owner requesting to install a run or fenced enclosure must request permission from the park superintendent, per the Yosemite Yard Care Policy.
10. Pet owners are responsible for the action of their pets, and have an obligation beyond their assigned premises for the comfort and safety of neighbors. This will include:
  - Activities of pets shall not disturb, menace, or inconvenience others by destroying the peace and quiet of any person or neighborhood with unreasonable barking or howling.
  - Messes made by pets defecating will be cleaned up immediately. The pet owner is responsible for properly disposing of the pet's fecal matter.
  - Pet owners are liable for any excessive cleaning or damages to government property.
  - Pet owners will be financially responsible for any personal injury caused by their pets.
11. The breeding of all pets is prohibited except by permit from the Superintendent. If a female is bred accidentally, offspring shall be removed before they are three months old. It is recommended that females should be spayed and males neutered.
12. Pets shall not be permitted in offices or in government vehicles.

**Failure to comply with this policy and regulations may result in the following administrative or law enforcement action:**

- A. First offense, pet owner will receive a written warning from Superintendent.
- B. Second violators will be issued final written warning, may be cited or required to appear in court to answer charges depending on the severity.
- C. Third violation within a twenty-four (24) month period, pet privileges will be revoked. Responsible occupant will be required to remove the pet from government premises permanently or vacate government furnished housing.

**Authority:**

As a matter of policy, enforcement of pet regulations is the responsibility of the Superintendent. In addition, Mariposa County pet ordinances also apply in the El Portal Administrative Site and are jointly enforced with the Mariposa County Sheriff.



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## Area Protection – Peregrine Nesting Areas

April 26, 2016

The Peregrine Falcon is a fully protected species in California and a special status species in Yosemite National Park due to its sensitivity to disturbance during the nesting season. To protect this species, the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park is designating Peregrine Falcon nesting cliffs as areas closed to visitor use, including climbing and slack-lining activities, until Peregrine Falcon chicks have fledged and dispersed from those areas in 2016. By order of the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and under authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a) and Section (a)(1): The following areas are **closed** to visitor use, including climbing activities, beginning March 1, 2016 and remaining in effect until July 15, 2016, or until further notice:

- **B.O.L.T. Wall** – Immediately southwest of Leaning Tower. Closure includes all routes on the B.O.L.T. Wall.
- **El Capitan, Southeast Face** – Closure includes all big wall routes between and including New Dawn, Reticent Wall, Wall of Early Morning Light, and Mescalito. The first 10 pitches of the closed routes, from the base of El Capitan, remain open.
- **Fairview Dome, West Face** – Tuolumne. Closure includes all routes between and including Heart of Stone to Lucky Streaks. All other routes remain open.
- **Hetch Hetchy** – Closed area includes Wapama Cliff (immediately west of Wapama Falls).
- **Medlicott Dome** – Tuolumne. Closure includes all routes between and including Shambles to Bogey Meets Mr. Porcupine.
- **Rhombus Wall** – Above Ahwahnee Meadow. Closure includes all routes west of Super Slide to the Ahwahnee Ramps, including all routes on the Rhombus Wall.
- **The Rostrum** – Lower Merced Canyon. Closure includes climbing routes on all sides of the Rostrum formation. Super Nova and the Jungle Gym area remain open. Slack-lining is prohibited at the summit and the top of the adjacent cliff.

**Effective as of April 26, 2016 (in addition to closures listed above):**

- **Arch Rock Area** – Lower Merced River Gorge. Closure includes all routes from Anticipation east to Grokin, Arch Rock Pinnacle, and above Arch Rock's main wall, from Cross Country Crack east to but not including Juliette's Flake. All routes from Pass or Fail west including Now, Omakara and Later remain open.
- **Mt. Broderick** – West of Liberty Cap. Closure includes the entire SE face of Mt. Broderick opposite Liberty Cap.
- **Closures are LIFTED at El Capitan Southwest Face, Half Dome Northwest Face, Lost Arrow Spire, and Yosemite Point.**

**Nest sites will be monitored to provide current information on nesting status and to ensure prompt re-opening of these areas. Closures are subject to change based on current nesting status. Your cooperation in complying with these temporary restrictions is greatly appreciated.**

The designation will remain in place until rescinded.

For   
Don Neubacher  
Superintendent

4/26/16  
Date

Last updated January 25, 2013

## Allowed Canisters

- **Backpacker Model 812** (Garcia)  
[www.backpackerscache.com](http://www.backpackerscache.com)
- **BearVault 110b, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, and 500**  
[www.bearvault.com](http://www.bearvault.com)
- **Bearikade Weekender MKII** (1766 and higher) and **Expedition MKII** (1766 and higher)  
[www.wild-ideas.net](http://www.wild-ideas.net)
- **The Bear Keg** (Counter Assault)  
[www.counterassault.com](http://www.counterassault.com)
- **The Bare Boxer Contender (101) and Champ (202)**  
[www.bareboxer.com](http://www.bareboxer.com)
- **Lighter1 Big Daddy and Little Sami**  
[www.lighter1.com](http://www.lighter1.com)
- **UDAP**  
**No-Fed-Bear** [www.udap.com](http://www.udap.com)
- **Purple Mountain Engineering Tahoe**  
(This canister is no longer in production or available for purchase)

## Allowed Backpacks

- **Wise Backpack**

## Allowed Panniers

- **DeCarteret Aluminum Stock Panniers**
- **Berner Bear Box**  
303/343-1998
- **Bear Aware Panniers**  
[www.bear-aware.com](http://www.bear-aware.com)
- **Bear Country Camping Models SFO and HFO**  
[www.bearcountrycontainers.com/catalog.htm](http://www.bearcountrycontainers.com/catalog.htm)
- **Outfitters Supply TrailMax Bear Proof Pack Panniers**  
[www.outfitterssupply.com](http://www.outfitterssupply.com)

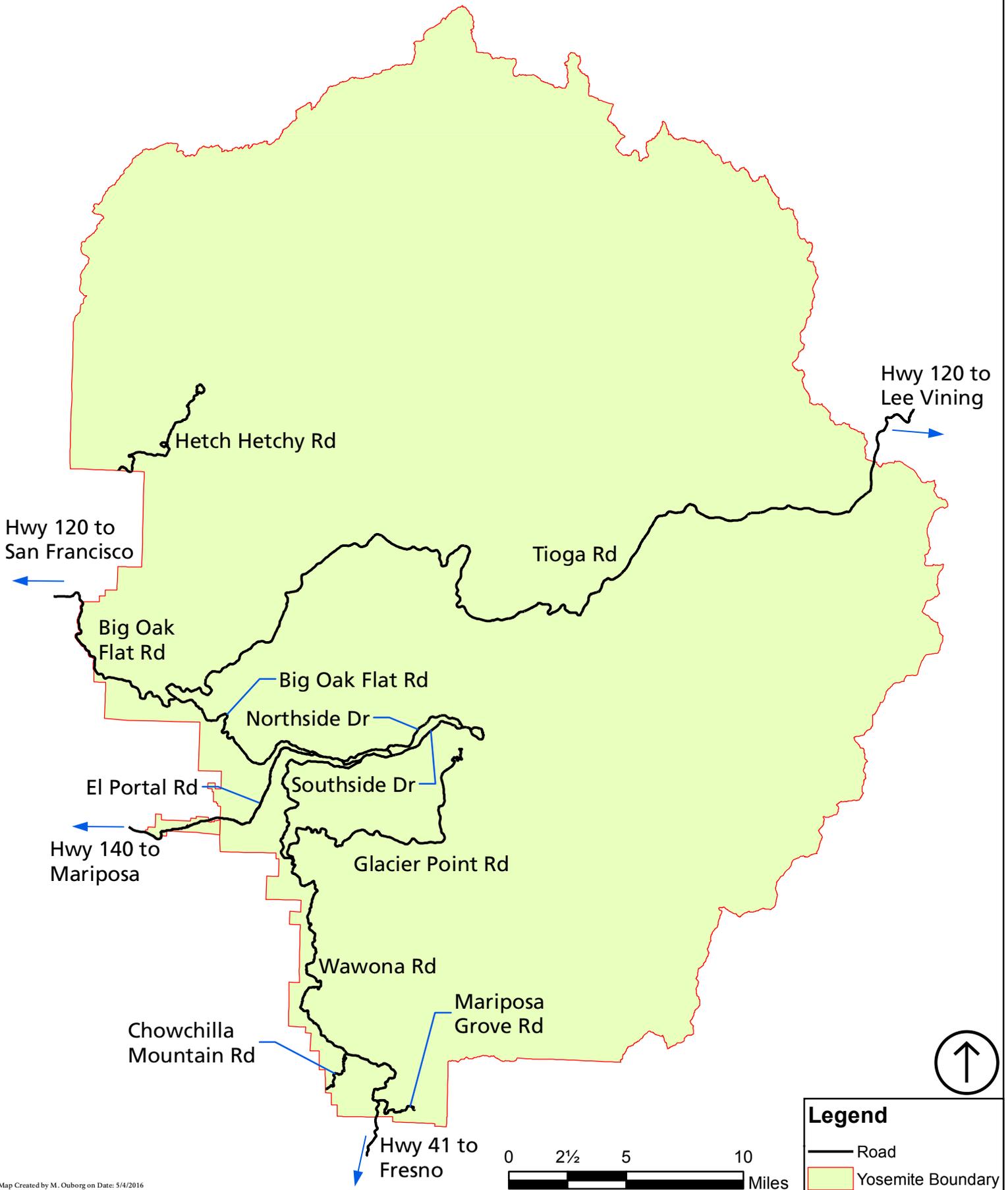
*Steel salvage drums with a security lid may be used until panniers are purchased.*

- **Lab Safety Supply Company** (Model 9M-9117, 8 gallon open head)  
[www.labsafety.com](http://www.labsafety.com)

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## Park Roads

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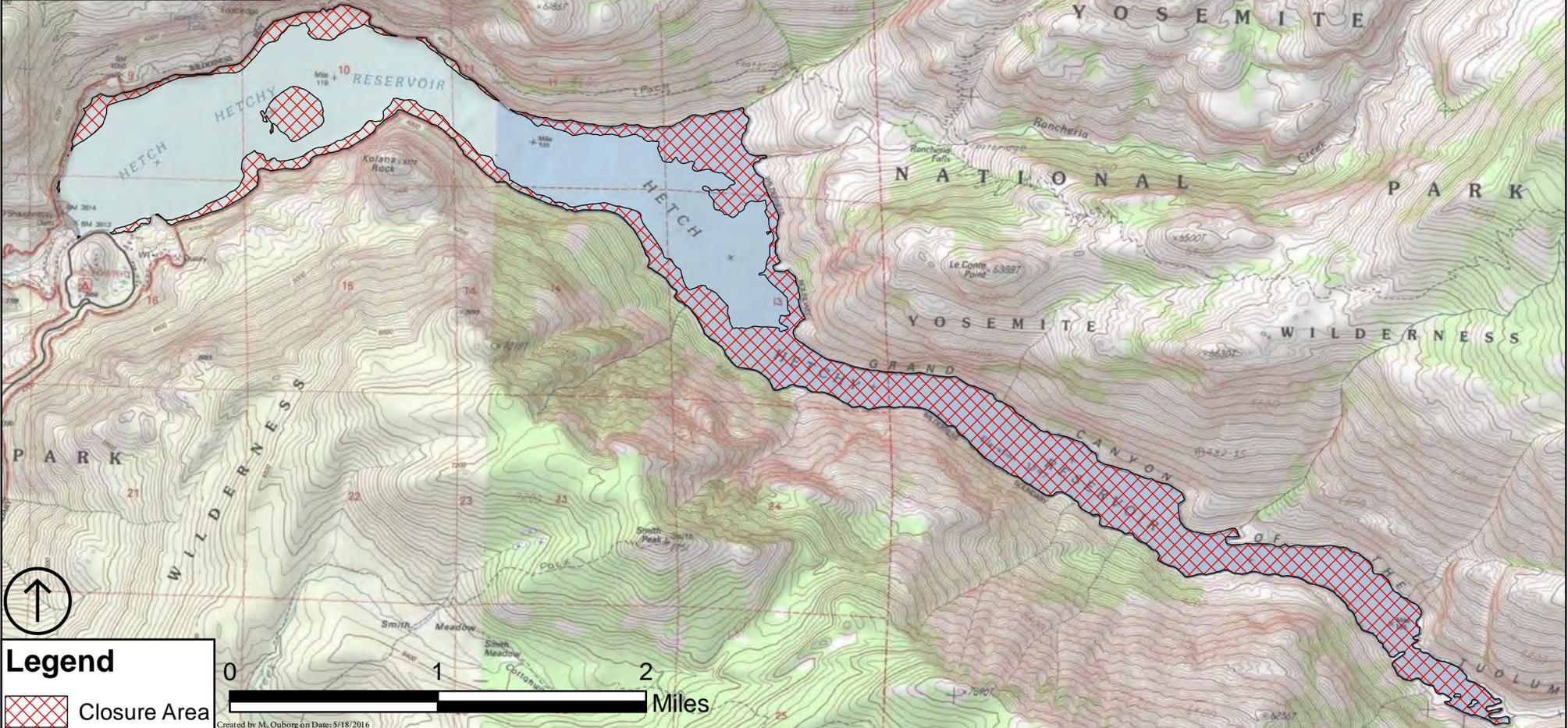
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## Area Closure of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir Above Low Water (3,700 ft)

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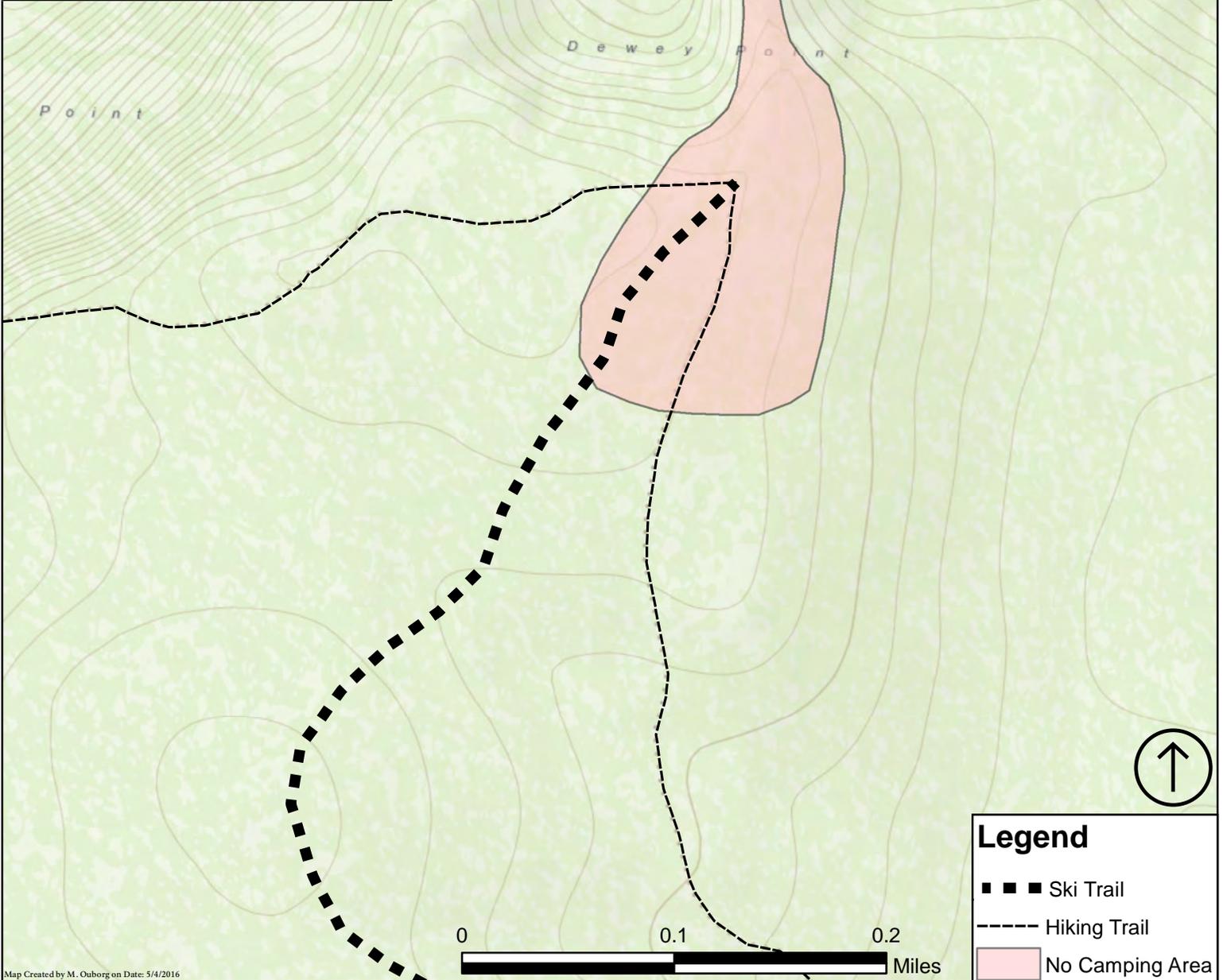
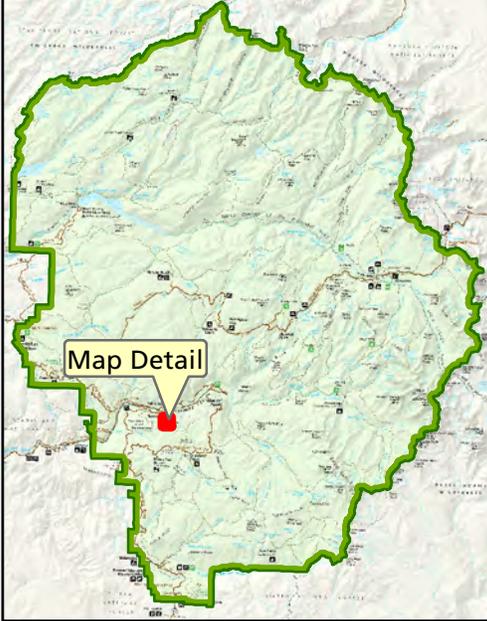
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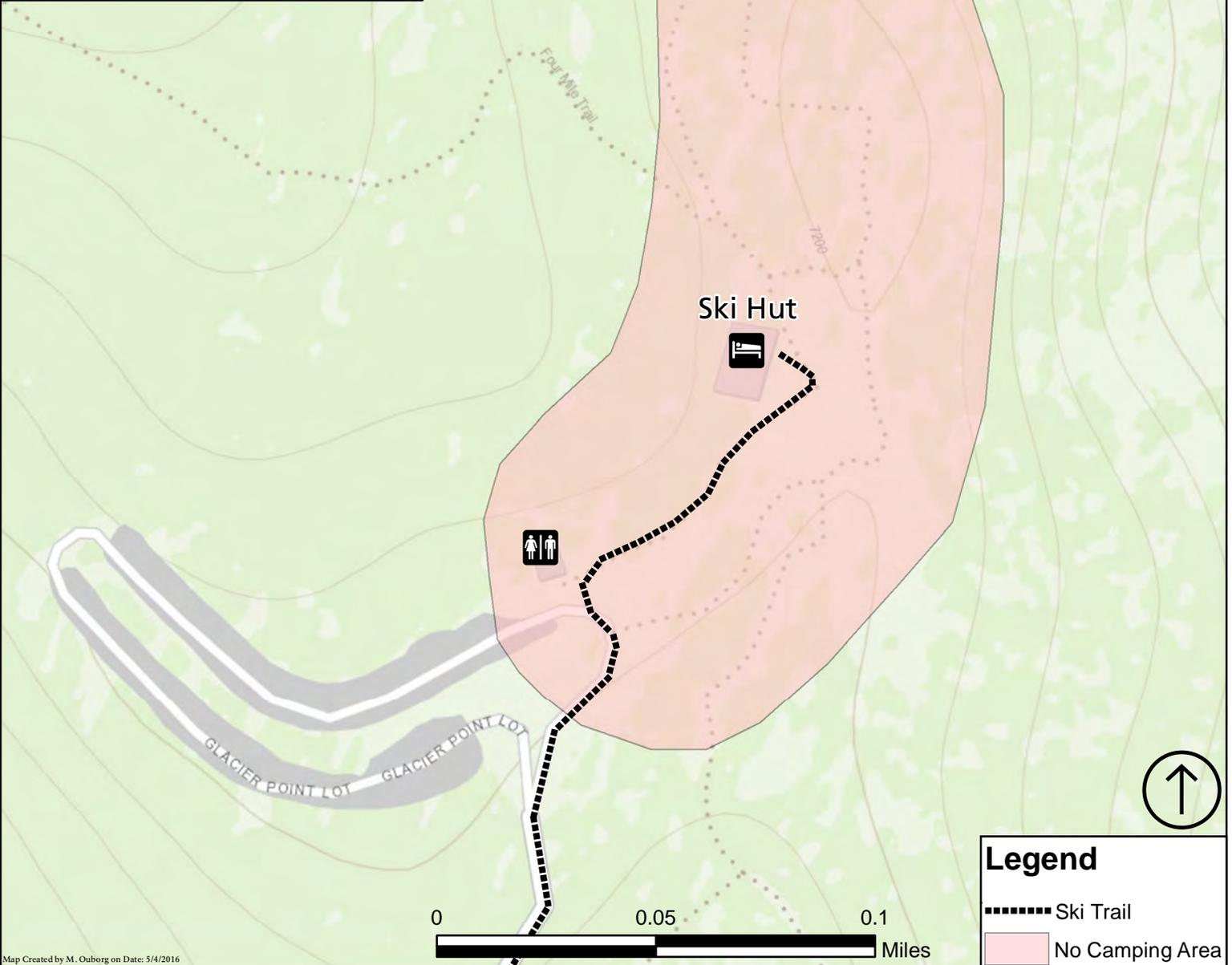
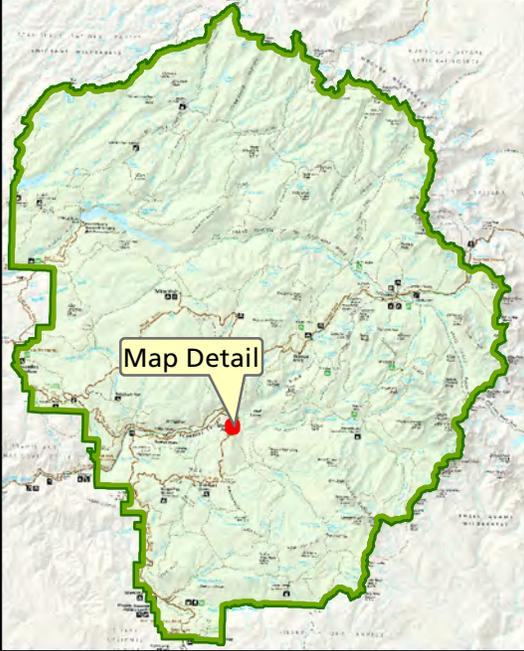
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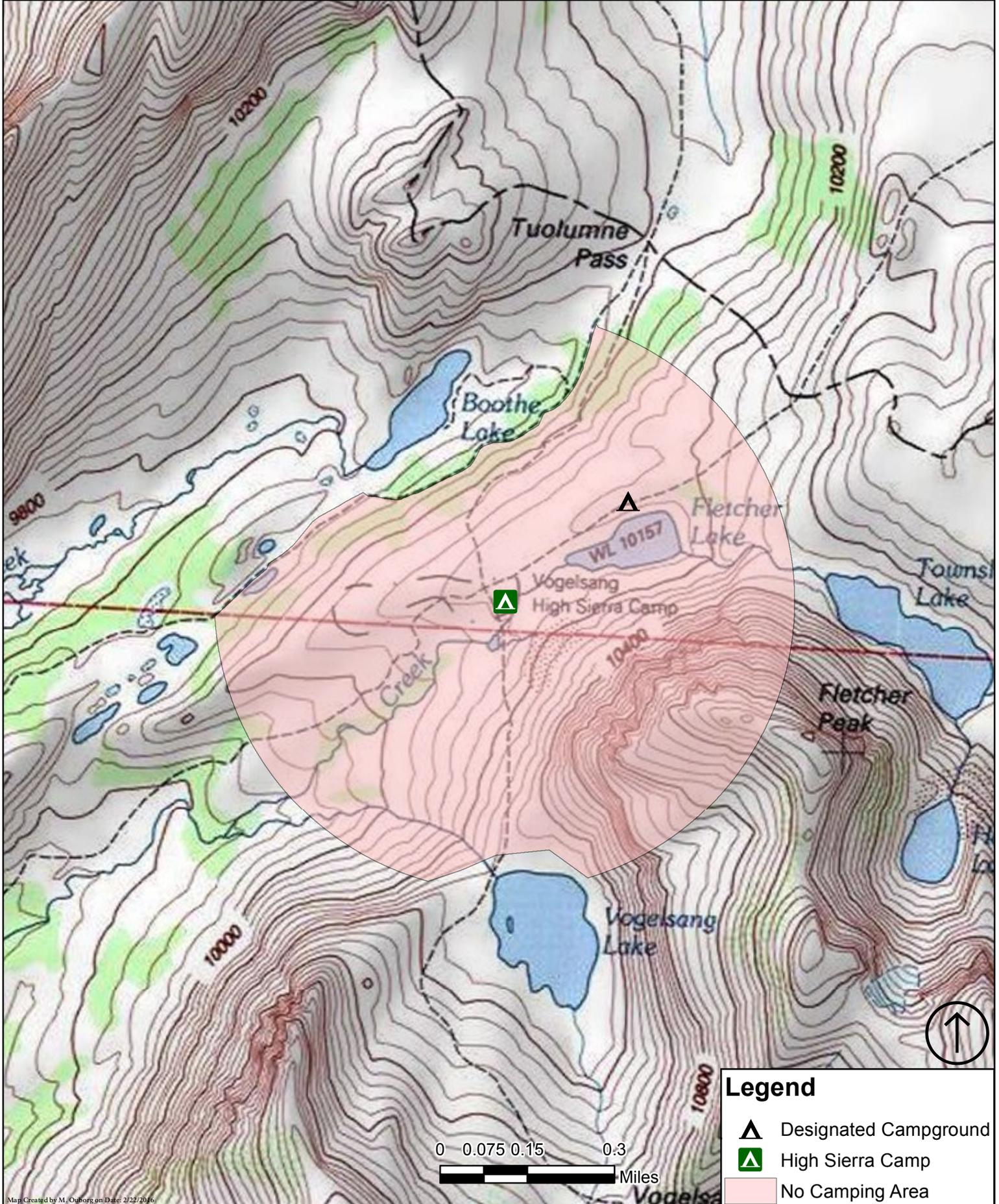
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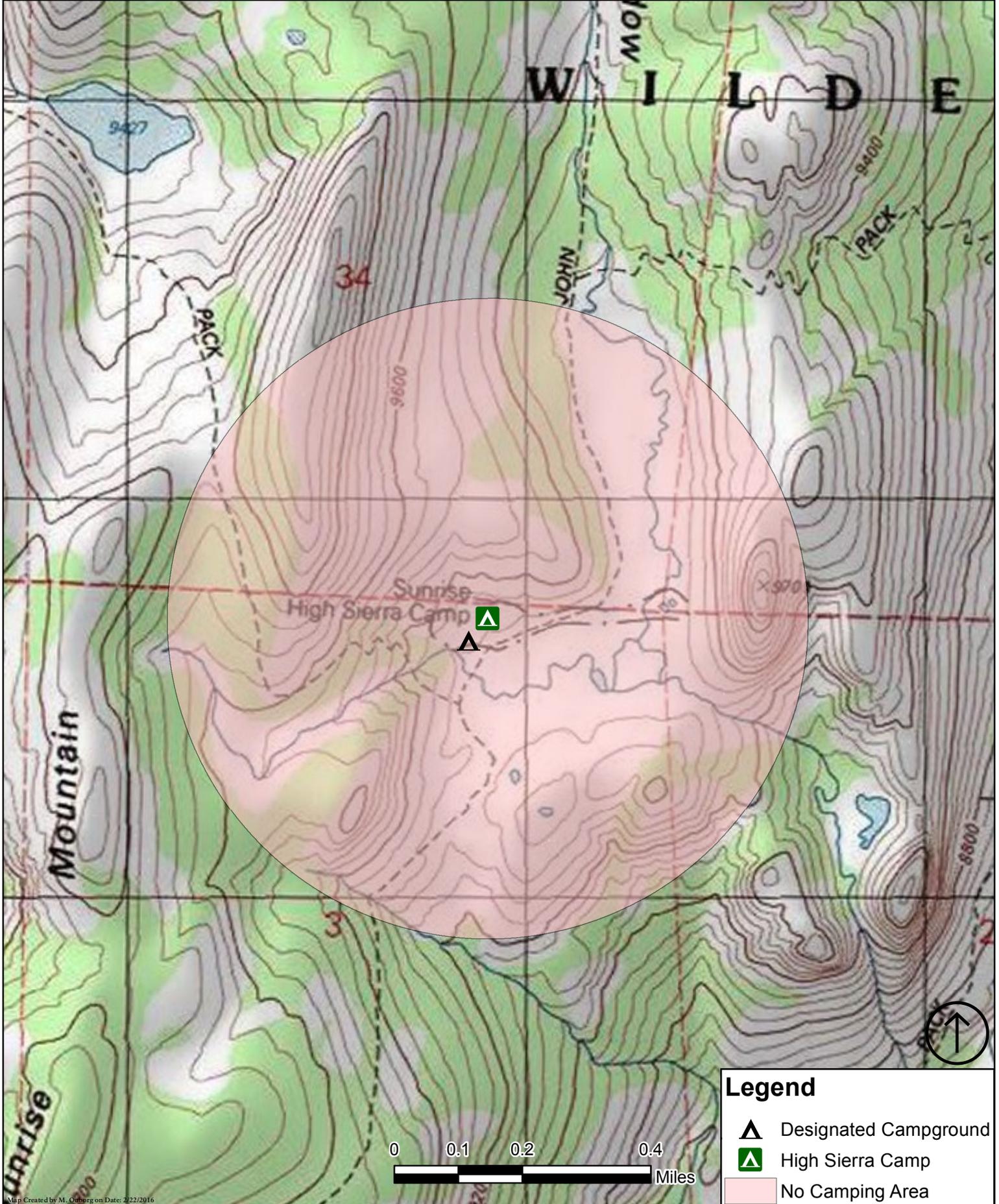
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## Sunrise High Sierra Camp Area Closure

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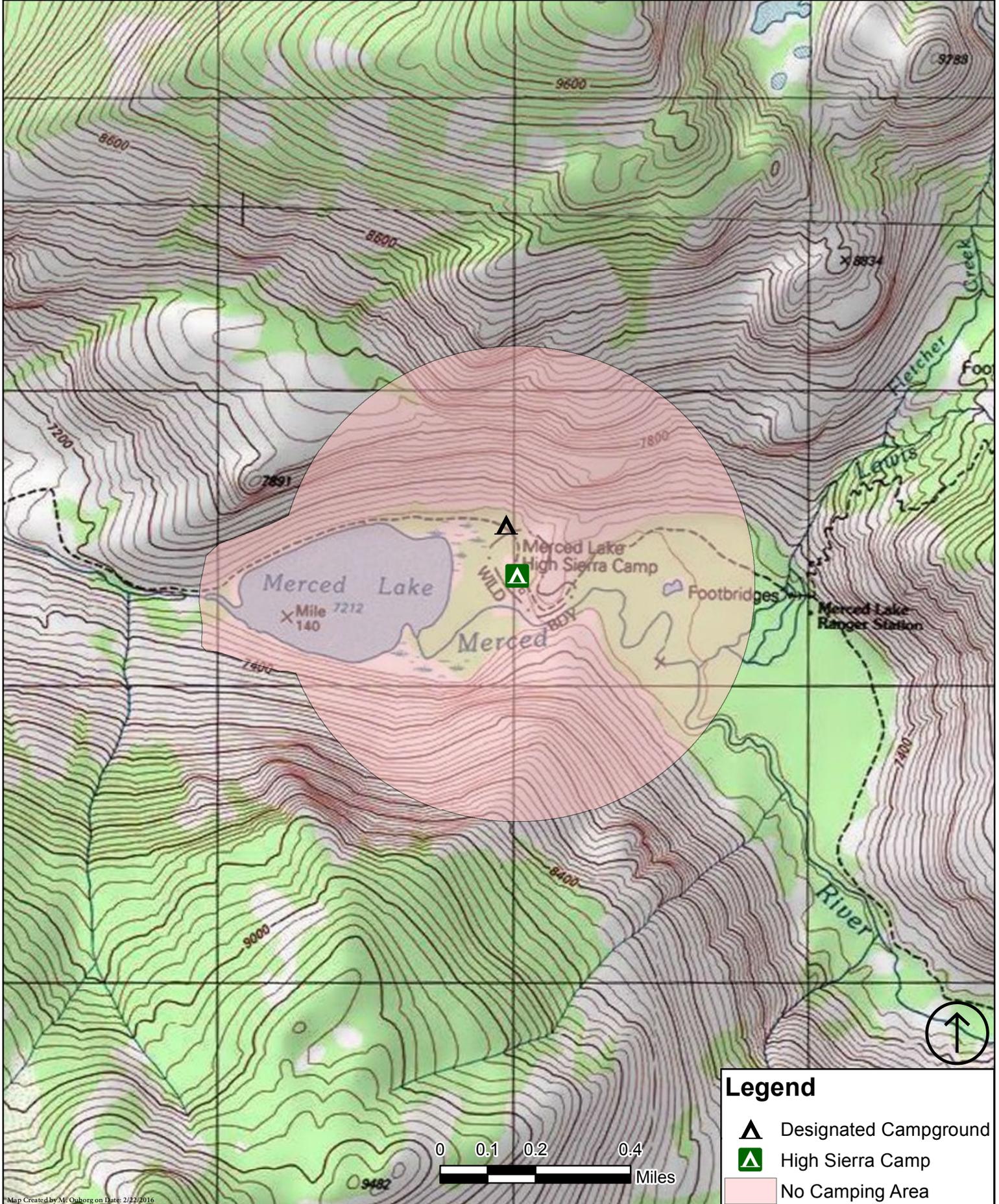
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## Merced Lake High Sierra Camp Area Closure

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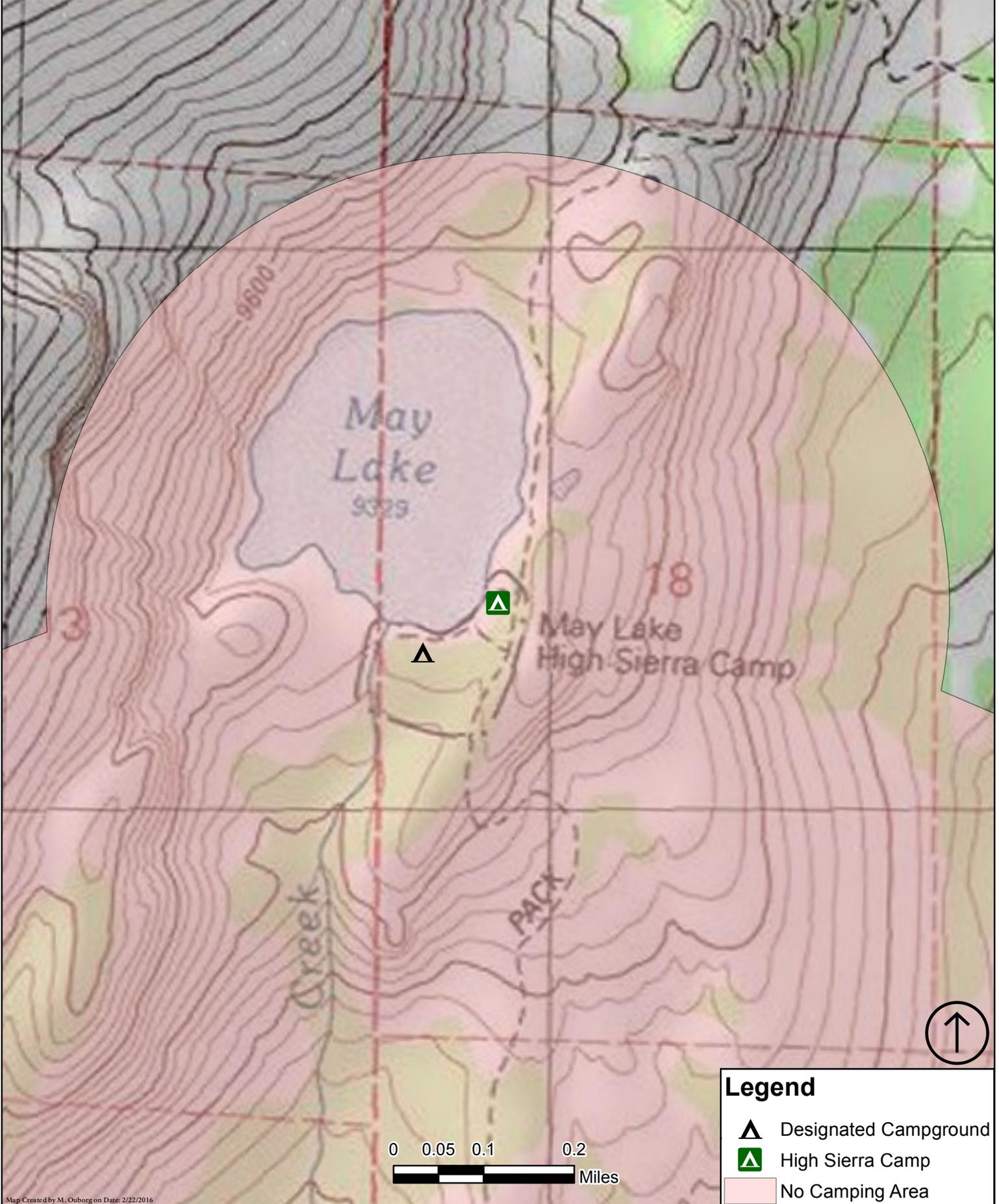
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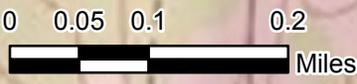
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- No Camping Area



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## Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp Area Closure

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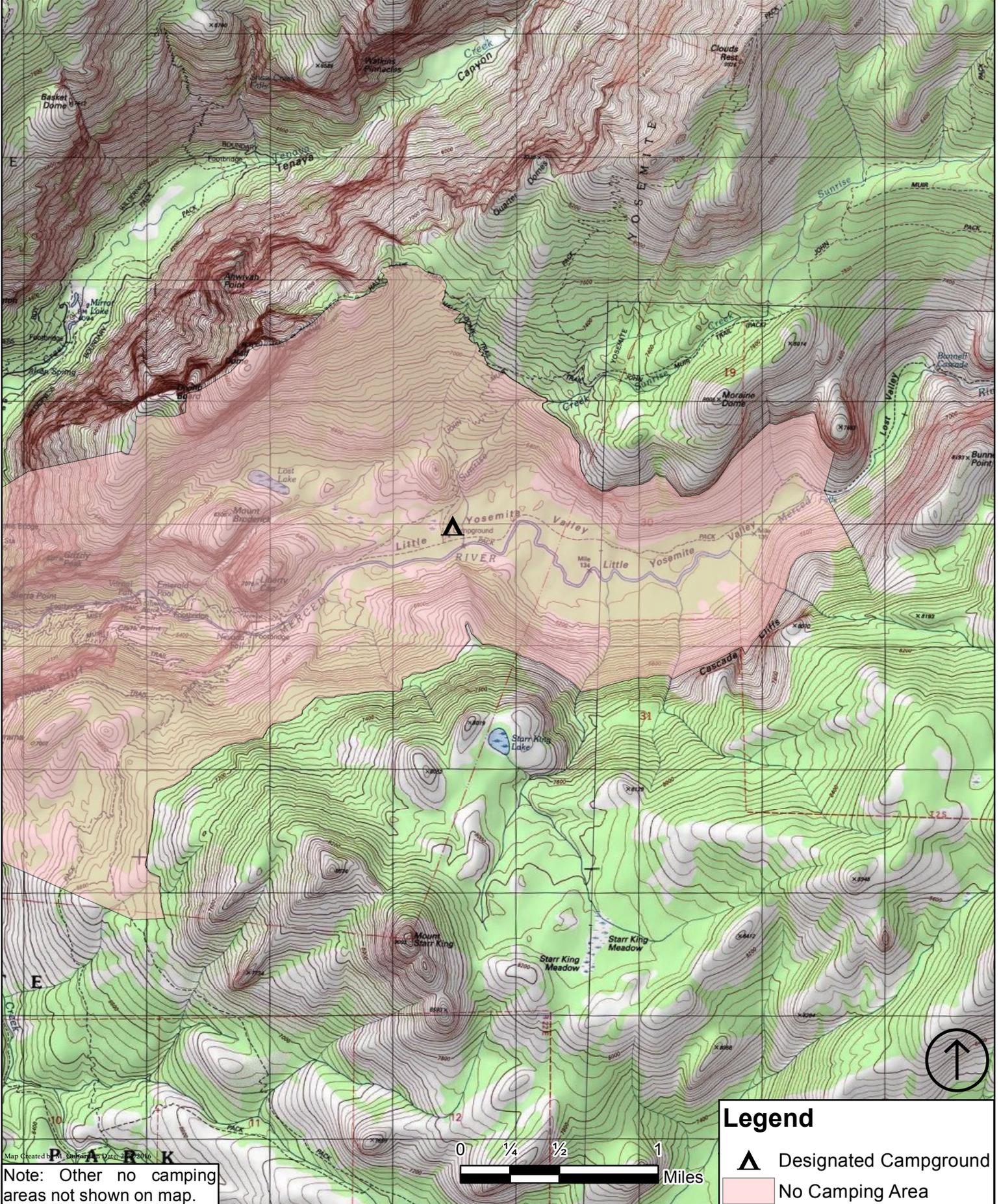
**Legend**

- Designated Campground
- High Sierra Camp
- No Camping Area

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## Little Yosemite Valley Camping Area Closure

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Map created by **P. A. R. K.**  
Note: Other no camping areas not shown on map.

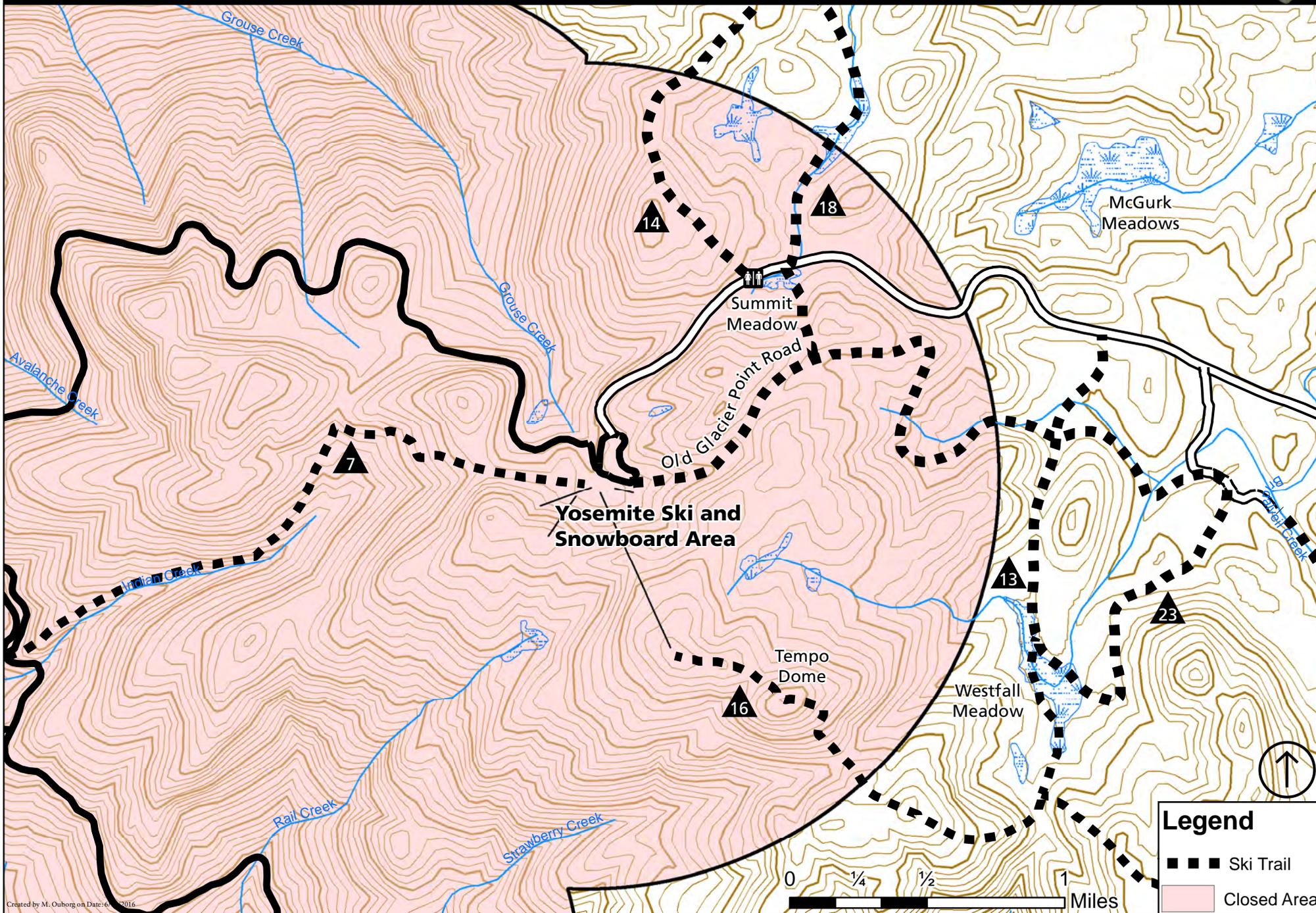
**Legend**

- Designated Campground
- No Camping Area

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## Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area Closure

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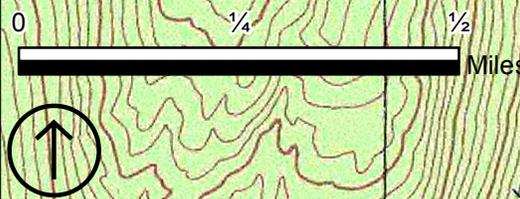
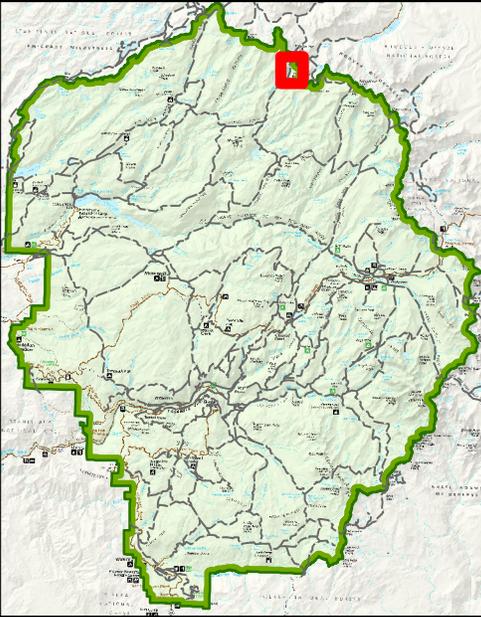
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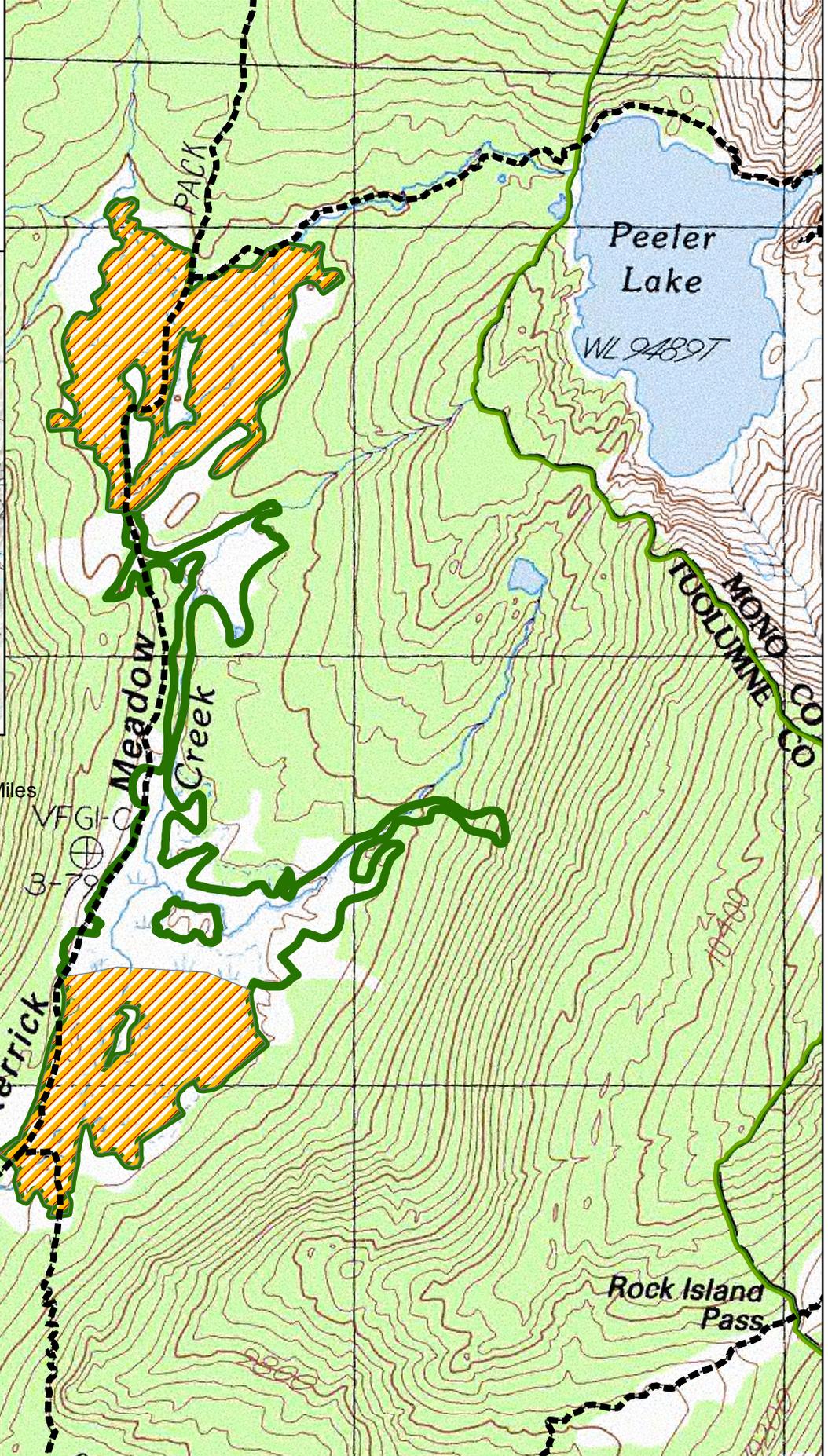


### Legend

- NPS System Trail
-  Closed Areas in Meadows
-  Meadows
-  Yosemite Boundary



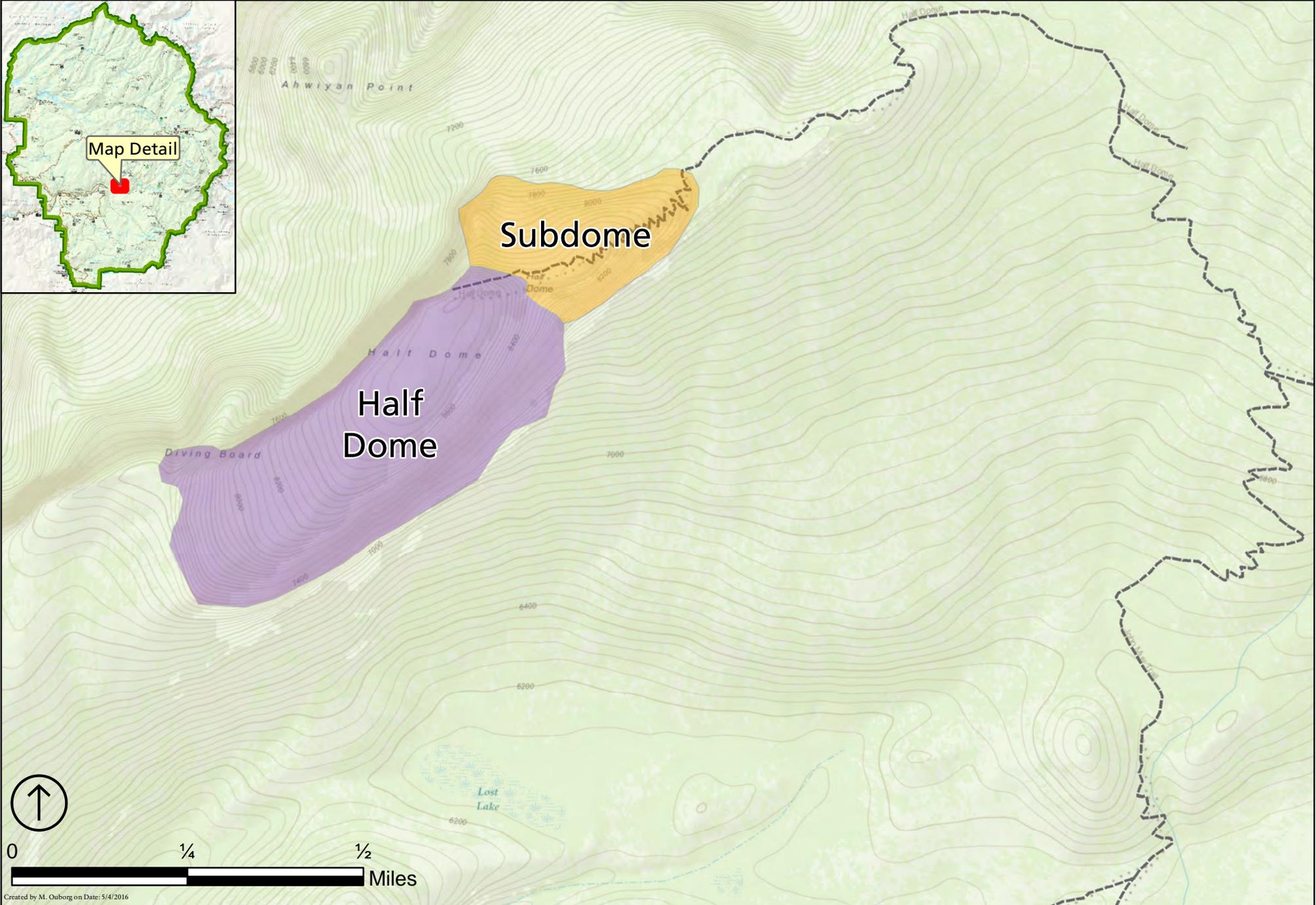
**All trails are open.  
Travelling or camping in  
closed areas is prohibited.**



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## Half Dome Area

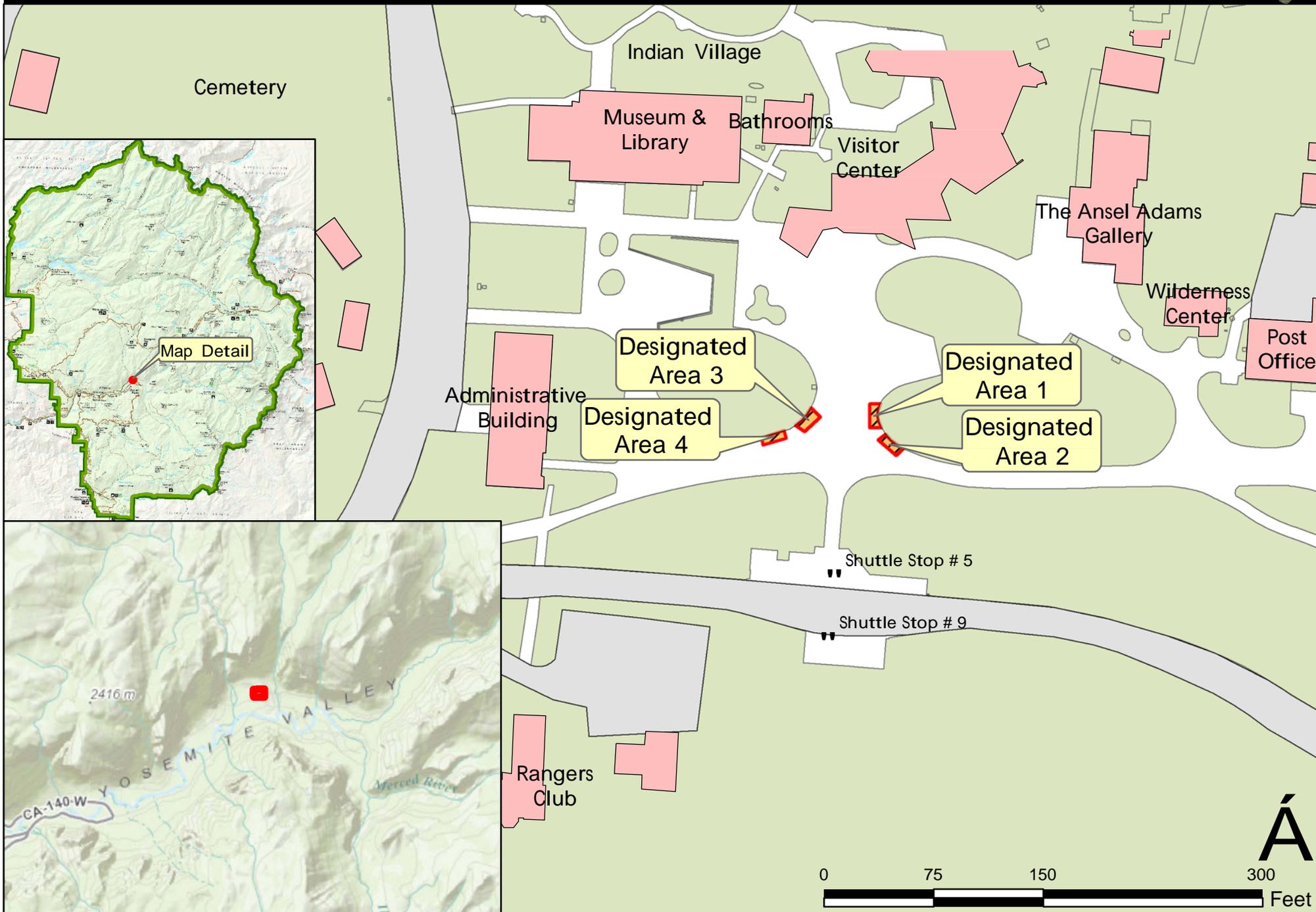
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## Designated 1st Amendment Areas - Yosemite Valley

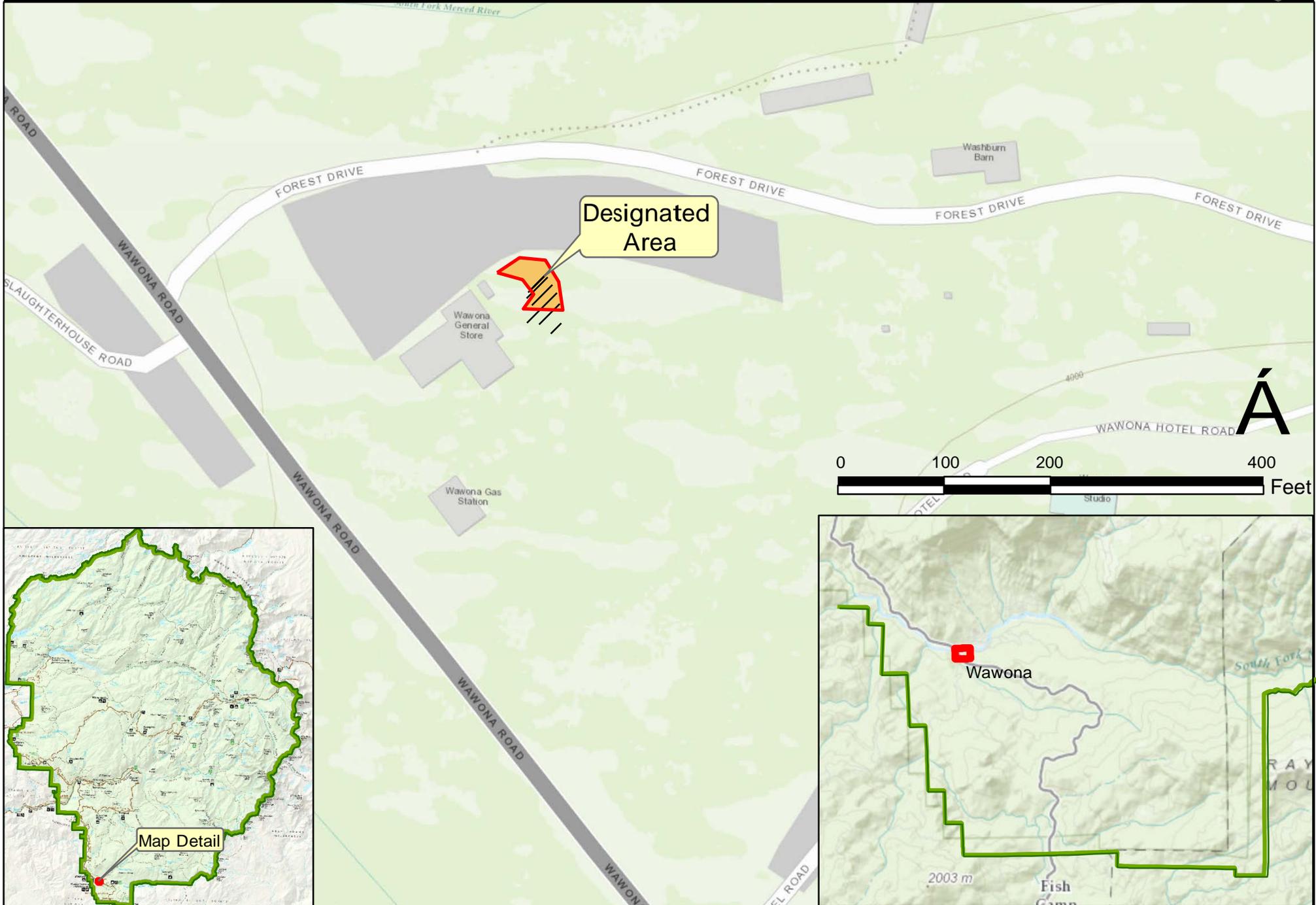
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## Designated 1st Amendment Areas - Wawona

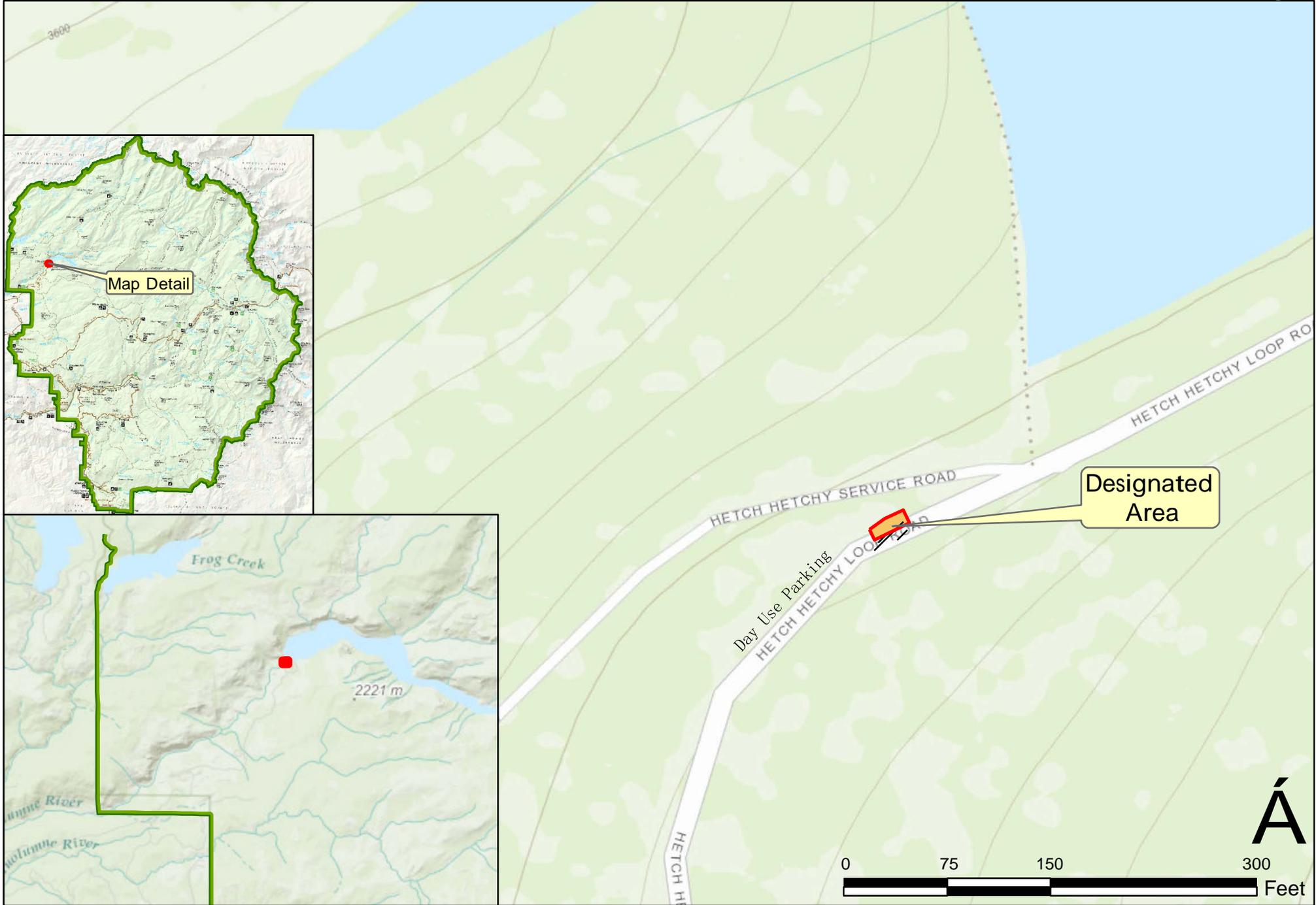
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## Designated 1st Amendment Areas - Hetch Hetchy

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# Mariposa Grove

Closure July 6, 2015 to spring 2017



The Mariposa Grove is closed except for a portion of the Outer Loop Trail. Off-trail travel is prohibited.

- Closed Road
- Closed Trail
- Outer Loop Trail (open)
- Restrooms
- Structure
- Named Giant Sequoias

