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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Pacific West Region

From: *Charles E. Krogg*  
Acting EEO Program Manager

Subject: Section 504 Accessibility Compliance  
Yosemite National Park  
North Pine Campgrounds

On February 8, 2006, we received a disability rights complaint regarding inaccessible restrooms, access routes, water fountains, waste water disposals, lighting, and holes in the floor of some restrooms at the North Pines Campgrounds.

This complaint was accepted for review pursuant to the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in Federally conducted programs of the Department of the Interior.

Please conduct a self-evaluation of this campground, both structural and non-structural, and provide this office by April 3, 2006, with the findings of the self-evaluation and a status report on plans to resolve this complaint.

For further information and technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Denery or Jack Andre of this office at (202) 354-1852.

cc: Complainant

Michael Tollefson, Superintendent, Yosemite NP

Dennis Mattiuzzi, Chief of Maintenance, Yosemite NP

✓ Larry Harris, Accessibility Coordinator, Yosemite NP

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Pacific West Region

From: *[Signature]* Director

Subject: Section 504 Accessibility Compliance, Yosemite NP

On August 9, 2001, we received a disability rights complaint in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Office against the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village, Yosemite NP, California. Specifically, it is alleged that:

Yosemite Lodge

- The only accessible room is not in compliance and providing only one accessible room is not acceptable.
- The concessionaire does not understand the requirements for access.

Curry Village

- Rooms are not in compliance.
- Restrooms are not in compliance.

We understand that many Yosemite National Park facilities were built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and that many may have historical significance. However, Section 504 provided for an evaluation and transition plan for structural access to have been developed many years ago. Please send us a copy of this plan for Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village. If the transition plan for the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village has not been completed, please accomplish one and submit it to the EEO Program Office by March 22, 2002. Also, please

respond to each of the four allegations by this date. Your response must include an item by item evaluation and an appropriate resolution with specific timeframes for completion.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. For further information or technical assistance, please contact Jack Andre of the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Office at (202) 208-7821.



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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Pacific West Region

From: *Shirley* Director *Jim Hayward*

Subject: Section 504 Accessibility Compliance, Yosemite NP

On May 31, 2001, we received a disability rights complaint in the Equal Opportunity Program Office against the Curry Village, Yosemite NP, California. Specifically, it is alleged that:

### Stoneman Lodge

- There is no accessible route from the accessible parking space to the lodge entrance. Specifically, there is no curb cut from the lot pavement to the adjacent pathway, and nonconforming dirt pathways comprise the route to the entrance.
- There is no accessible entrance to the lodge. Specifically, the ramp at the wooden deck surrounding the lodge is made of dirt, is too narrow, and lacks signage.
- There are no accessible rooms in the lodge. All rooms have nonconforming thresholds and all bathrooms have narrow doors, insufficient clear floor space and lack grab bars.

### Other Areas at Curry Village

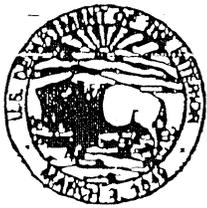
- The registration desk is inaccessible in the kiosk building adjacent to Stoneman Lodge.

- The threshold is too high at the entrance to the cafeteria, the outdoor deck is not level, and the service counter (silverware, condiments, etc.) is inaccessible.
- The amphitheater has no accessible seating locations, and the stage is inaccessible.
- The doors are too heavy to open at the gift shop/store and the aisles are too narrow.
- The swimming pool is not accessible.
- The accessible parking spaces in the parking lot for Yosemite Village and accessible route to the village buildings are nonconforming, comprised of loose dirt and rock.
- The sports restaurant, above the deli in Yosemite Village is inaccessible.

This complaint was accepted for review pursuant to the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in federally conducted programs of the Department of the Interior.

We understand that many Yosemite National Park facilities were built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and that many may have historical significance. However, Section 504 provided for an evaluation and transition plan for structural access to have been developed many years ago. Please send us a copy of this plan for Curry Village and Stoneman Lodge. If the transition plan for the Curry Village and the Stoneman Lodge has not been completed, please accomplish one and submit it to the Equal Opportunity Program Office by October 15, 2001. Also, please respond to each of the 10 allegations by this date. Your response must include an item by item evaluation and an appropriate resolution with specific timeframes for completion.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. For further information or technical assistance, please contact Jack Andre of the Equal Opportunity Program Office at (202) 208-7821.



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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Pacific West Region

From: *[Signature]* Director

Subject: Section 504 Accessibility Compliance, Yosemite NP

On January 24, 2002, we received a disability rights complaint in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Office against the Yosemite NP, California. Specifically, it is alleged that:

Ahwahnee Hotel

- The parking, signage, counters, elevator, and restrooms are not accessible.
- The number of accessible cabins does not meet the requirements.
- The designated accessible cabins are not in full compliance.
- There is no accessible guestroom inside the hotel.

Yosemite NP

- The trails are not in compliance (pot holes, cross slopes, etc.).
- The pathways cross-vehicular roads (blended walkways/vehicular ways) with no tactile warnings (truncated domes) for vision impaired pedestrians.

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Yosemite Falls

- This primary trail has a 12 percent slope and is not accessible.
- Copies of 504 transition/self-evaluation plans are not available.

This complaint was accepted for review pursuant to the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in federally conducted programs of the Department of the Interior.

We understand that many Yosemite National Park facilities were built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and that many may have historical significance. However, Section 504 provided for an evaluation and transition plan for structural access to have been developed many years ago. Please send us a copy of this plan for Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Falls. If the transition plan for the Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Falls has not been completed, please accomplish one and submit it to the EEO Program Office by March 22, 2002. Also, please respond to each of the eight allegations by this date. Your response must include an item by item evaluation and an appropriate resolution with specific timeframes for completion.

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SEP 16 2005

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Pacific West Region

From: EEO Program Manager

Subject: Section 504 Accessibility Compliance  
Yosemite National Park

On August 22, 2005, we received a disability rights complaint, which has alleged the lack of accessible curb cuts throughout the Yosemite National Park and the inaccessibility of the new eastern route to Yosemite Falls.

This complaint was accepted for review pursuant to the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in Federally conducted programs of the Department of the Interior.

These are issues of previous complaints, to which Park staff has indicated that they will be responding.

The issue of accessible curb cuts and the required tactile identification being required throughout this heavily used and developed Park relates to the need of visitors to cross many streets for access to many significant features of the Park. Whether or not shuttle buses are available, curb cuts are still required because there are not enough shuttle buses and distances are often very short. Visitors with disabilities should not have to wait for untimely shuttle buses, especially for going short distances, just because curb cuts are not available. We are required to provide an equal opportunity to experience the Park. Curb cuts are a reasonable modification to provide an accessible route for this equal opportunity. Under new construction

requirements curb cuts and tactile identification must be provided.

The issue of the new eastern route to the Yosemite Falls, as we have previously noted in earlier correspondence, is that it is required to be accessible because it is new construction. It must, also, be accessible to provide the many visitors with a disability an equal opportunity to get to and experience the Yosemite Falls in an integrated setting with those who have no disability. Park management has previously indicated that they were having a consultant check the running grade and cross slope of the eastern route to ensure compliance. We look forward to receiving this report, which is now due.

Please provide this office by October 3, 2005, with plans for providing the necessary curb cuts and tactile identification throughout the Park. Also, include the consultants report on the eastern Yosemite route, if it has not previously been submitted, with plans for correcting running grade and cross slope.

For further information and technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Denery or Jack Andre of this office at (202) 354-1852.

cc: Complainants

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