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Subject Comments on Yosemite's 2008 Tuolumne Planning Workbook

September 15, 2008

Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Tuolumne Planning Workbook
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

Dear Superintendent,

I am writing to provide comments on Yosemite's 2008 Tuolumne Planning Workbook. I am very concerned about the harmful impacts of commercial activities originating at Tuolumne Meadows and elsewhere in and near the Tuolumne River corridor. My specific comments are as follows:

I object to and am offended by Alternative 5, the so-called "Preferred Alternative," which is titled "Honor the traditions of the Tuolumne while looking to the future." What this really seems to mean is continuing and condoning the commercialism and polluting activities of the past, while looking the other way. This alternative inappropriately would continue the polluting commercial horse rides, High Sierra Camps, and other harmful activities by labeling them as part of our "heritage." The NPS can and must do better to protect the magnificent Tuolumne Meadows and River.

The Workbook does not present a range of reasonable alternatives as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Clearly, the ugly and polluting "High Sierra Camps" (HSCs) at Glen Aulin, Tuolumne Meadows, and Vogelsang should be closed, and the sites restored. But removal of the HSCs (and the commercial horse rides) is only considered under a single alternative that is accompanied by the removal of nearly all of the facilities at Tuolumne Meadows. It is plainly obvious that Alternative 1 (which includes removal of the store, grill, fuel station and mountaineering school) will not be seriously considered by the NPS. Lumping the fate of the HSCs and commercial horse rides with such a radical "fringe" alternative is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to make it appear as if the NPS has considered their removal. This is illustrated by the fact that removal of the polluting HSCs and damaging horse rides is not even included in Alternative 4, which purportedly aims to "Recover Healthy Ecological Conditions in Disturbed Meadow and Riparian Areas." This is unacceptable. The HSCs, which are outdated and polluting commercial eyesores, should be removed, and their removal must be included in more than a single radical alternative that will not be seriously considered.

Because domestic livestock (i.e., horses, mules, etc.) are known to pollute water, spread weeds, and pulverize trails, your plan for Tuolumne Meadows/River should end, once and for all, the commercial horse rides, unless:

1. ...all stock animals are strictly required to wear diapers to

prevent pollution from animal manure and urine. Such diapers are now widely accepted and available. See, for example: http://www.equisan.com.au/ Further, the operators of the commercial horse stables must be required to properly dispose of the stock manure and urine from the diapers to prevent pollution of water, trails, and camping areas. Such measures are necessary because stock animals have been shown to contaminate water in the Sierra Nevada, including the Tuolumne River. I strongly object to the continued pollution of the Tuolumne River by stock manure and urine. The NPS must take action to stop it.

2. ...all stock animals are sufficiently quarantined before entering the park to prevent the spread of weeds, and the commercial operators are required to use only weed-free feed. See, for example: http://www.extendinc.com/weedfreefeed/ Because livestock are known to spread invasive weeds by importing weed seeds on their coats and in their manure, all stock animals should be strictly required to be properly washed and quarantined before they are allowed to enter Yosemite's high country, and only weed-free feed should be allowed.

Please craft a range of reasonable alternatives that will truly protect Tuolumne Meadows and the Tuolumne River. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? OK with 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19. Not OK with 4 to 6, 15, 16

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? OK with 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19. Not OK with 1 to 3, 18

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? OK with 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19. Not OK with 1, 2, 12, 18.

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The Alternative 5 is by far the BEST!!

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The reduction of NPS + Concessionaire housing would mean longer commutes for many employees. Like: Combining Wilderness center w/ visitor center.

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Like: improvements to campground, interpretive/educ. trail; hike/bike trail @ (13) ~extend to (12), (9), & (4). Preserve Parsons Lodge + McCauley cabins.

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Like: Gaylor Pit as satellite parking w/ waterless toilet may be an option to investigate further as long as shuttle service is frequent + reliable. (13) as interpretive trail with bicycle option. Dislike (7) retaining wastewater treatment ponds.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Like: Provide new wastewater treatment facilities near existing plant + removal of wastewater treatment ponds. (13) hike/bike trail. Dislike: (17) Removal of Bug Camp housing and Ranger Camp for NPS employees.

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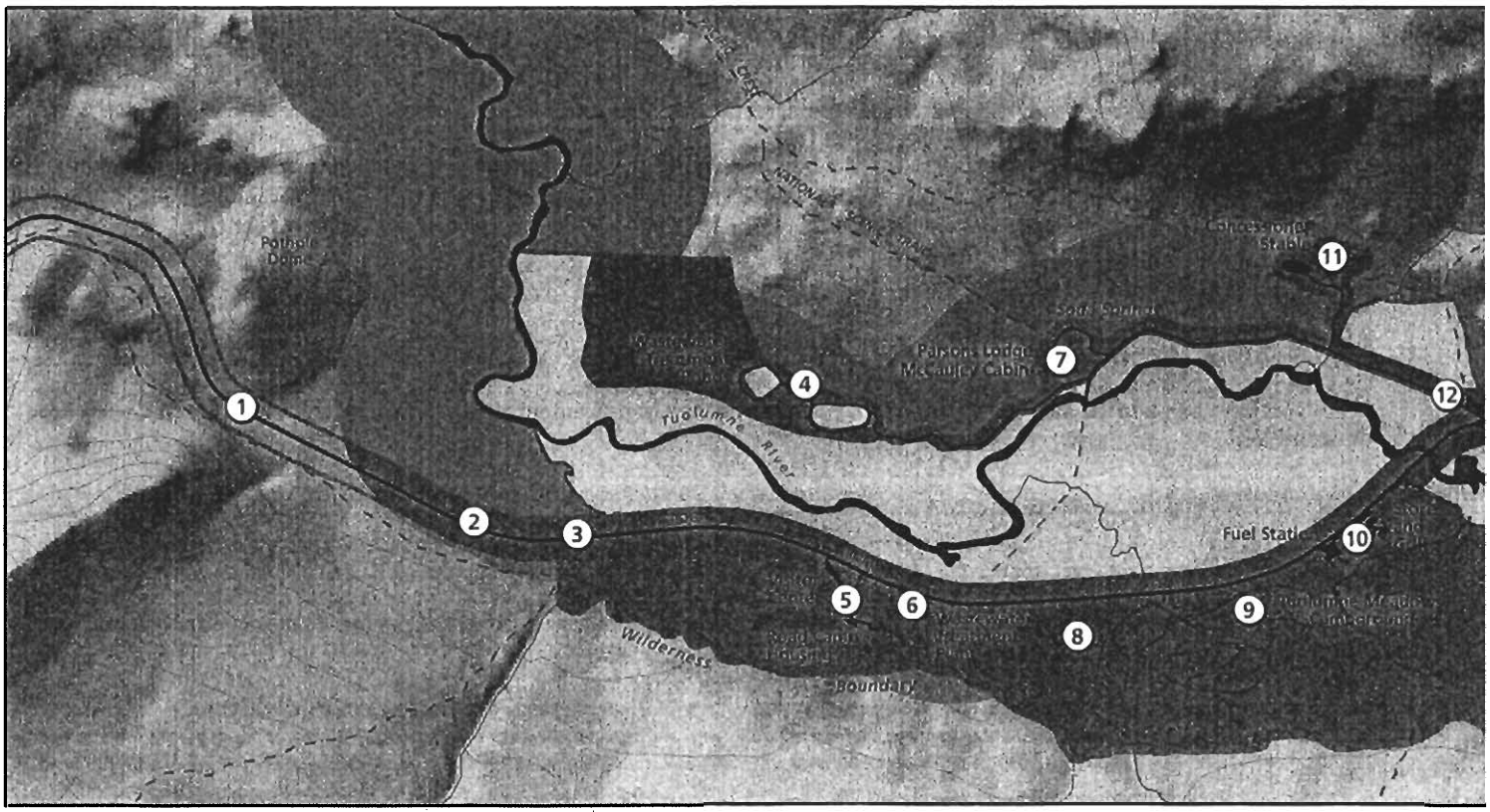
1) Consolidate visitor center, wilderness center, store, grill, restrooms.

2) Provide an interpretive nature trail near visitor center ~ trail signs could be focused on fragility of sub-alpine meadows, forests + river ecosystems and the impact that climate change would have on these ecosystems. Also emphasize the importance of protecting these places, how to act in a national park + protect wilderness + wildlife, and conservation/sustainability themes.

3) Restore Loop A in campground and perhaps provide a few interpretive signs on trail about water, water source, water issues.

4) Remove asbestos-containing gravel from road from Lembert Dome Parking area to Concessionaire Stable. Pave road for vehicle w/ bicycle/stroller access on side.



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5) Connect Tuolumne Lodge, Lembert Dome, DNC Stables, and road passing below Soda Springs and to Wastewater treatment ponds as bicycle friendly road or provide for ability for bicycling along the Tioga Road.

6) Remove wastewater treatment ponds & restore ecologically.

7) Move concessionaire housing away from the river corridor but still in the vicinity of Tuolumne Lodge.

8) Keep Ranger camp & western half of Big Camp for NPS housing. However, improve employee housing to hard-topped & mouse proof cabins. The peeling paint and potential for transmission of hanta-virus is a health and safety hazard and is not acceptible living conditions. Also provide a central communal space for NPS employees to gather for special functions, community gatherings, w/ kitchen area & wireless connections. Also small library. The same for DNC employees. Prefer small housing units to any dorm-style housing.

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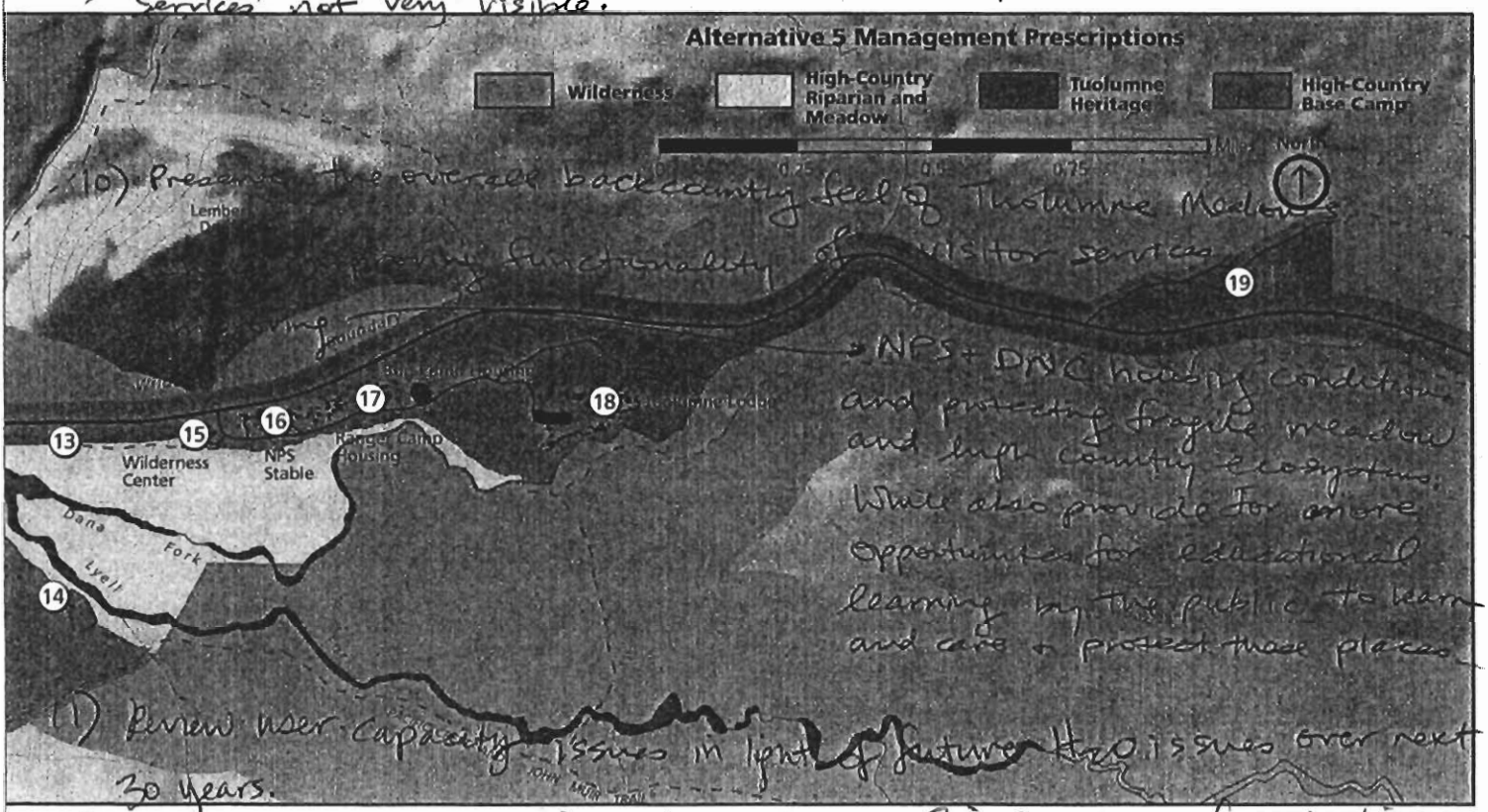
9) Overall, keep the viewsheds natural. Make developed areas such as visitor services not very visible.



12) Provide for safe transportation + bicycle + eco-friendly ways for visitors and employees to move around Tuol. Meadows

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Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Retaining A-Loop camping. Retain old granite bathroom on A-Loop. Retain store, lodge, grill, school, put a trail for bike & hike between the mall.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like keeping A-loop. Like # 13. Don't like #12. #9 keep store & grill as is. It's historic.

2. Do you have any additional comments or questions about the management zoning alternatives, including the preferred alternative? Keeping A-loop camping with the historic granite flush toilet bath room is a must. The store & grill are fine as is. Showers would be a great addition. A bike hike trail to ~~con~~ connect the lodge to Pothole Dome would be great.

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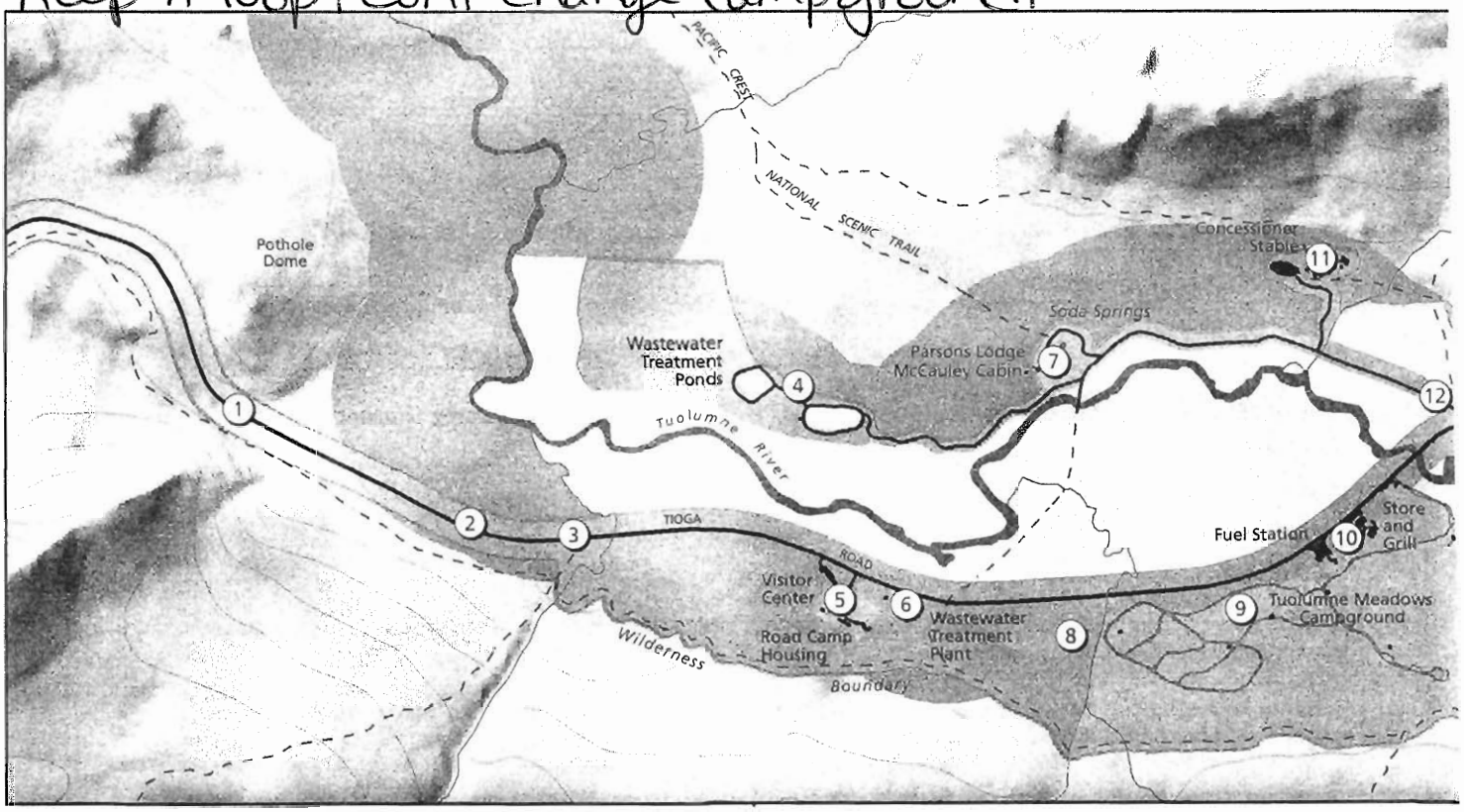

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Lodge. (10) Don't build new buildings. (11) (16) ~~Load~~ Combine stables if necessary. (12) Retain parking, pinic & bathrooms. (13) provide hike/bike trail on Tioga Road / wagon road. (14) Keep A-loop & historic granite bathroom functioning (17) Enhance historic landscape retain housing 'Dog Lake JMT parking. (18) Keep Tuolumne Lodge as is. (19) Provide parking, nice toilets, extend shuttle service & emergency operations

Keep A-Loop Camping Don't change existing structures.

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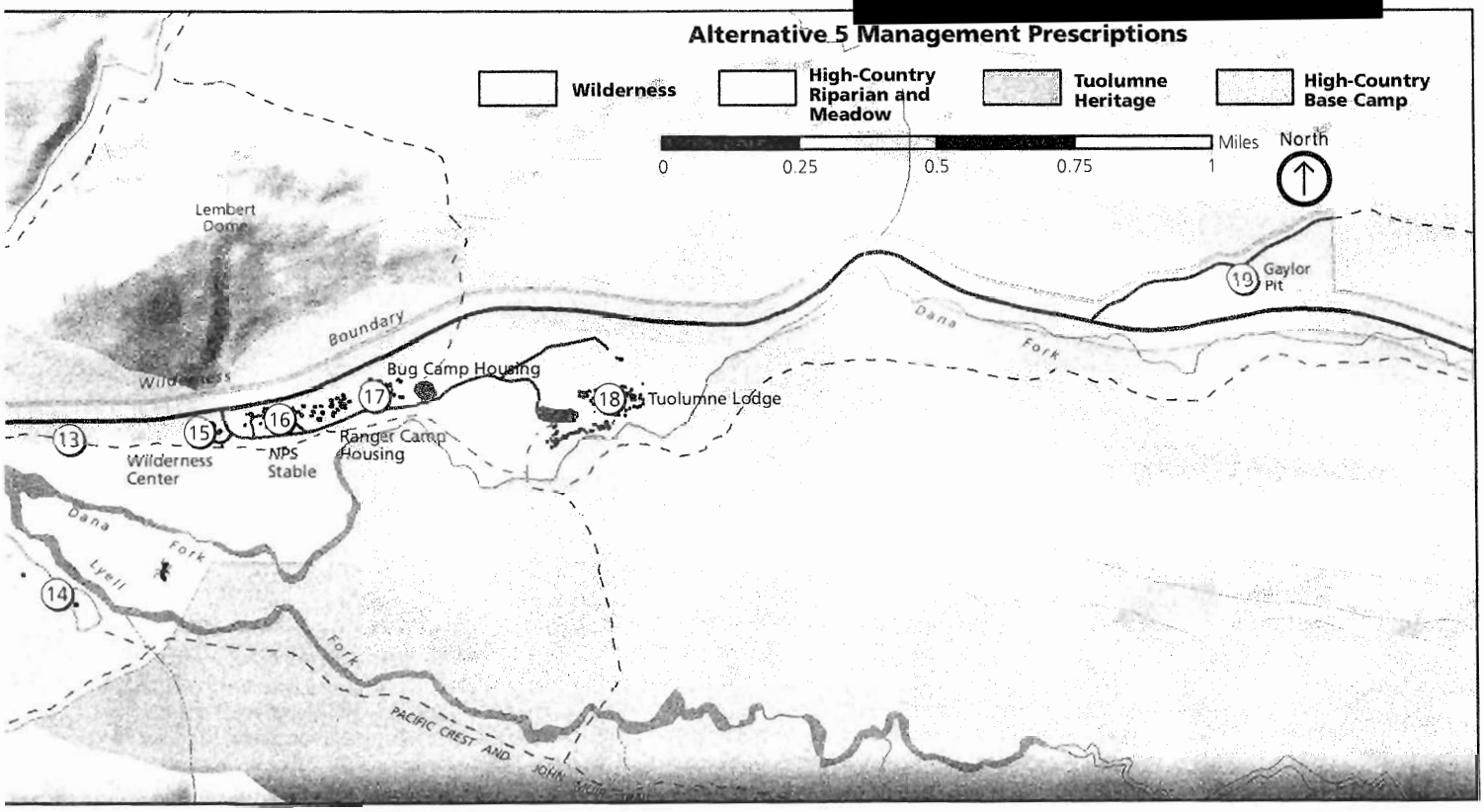

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I like to see a walking-bike trail to Pothole dome & Tuolumne Lodge, A trail through the meadow. Off road parking, wider hyway for safty

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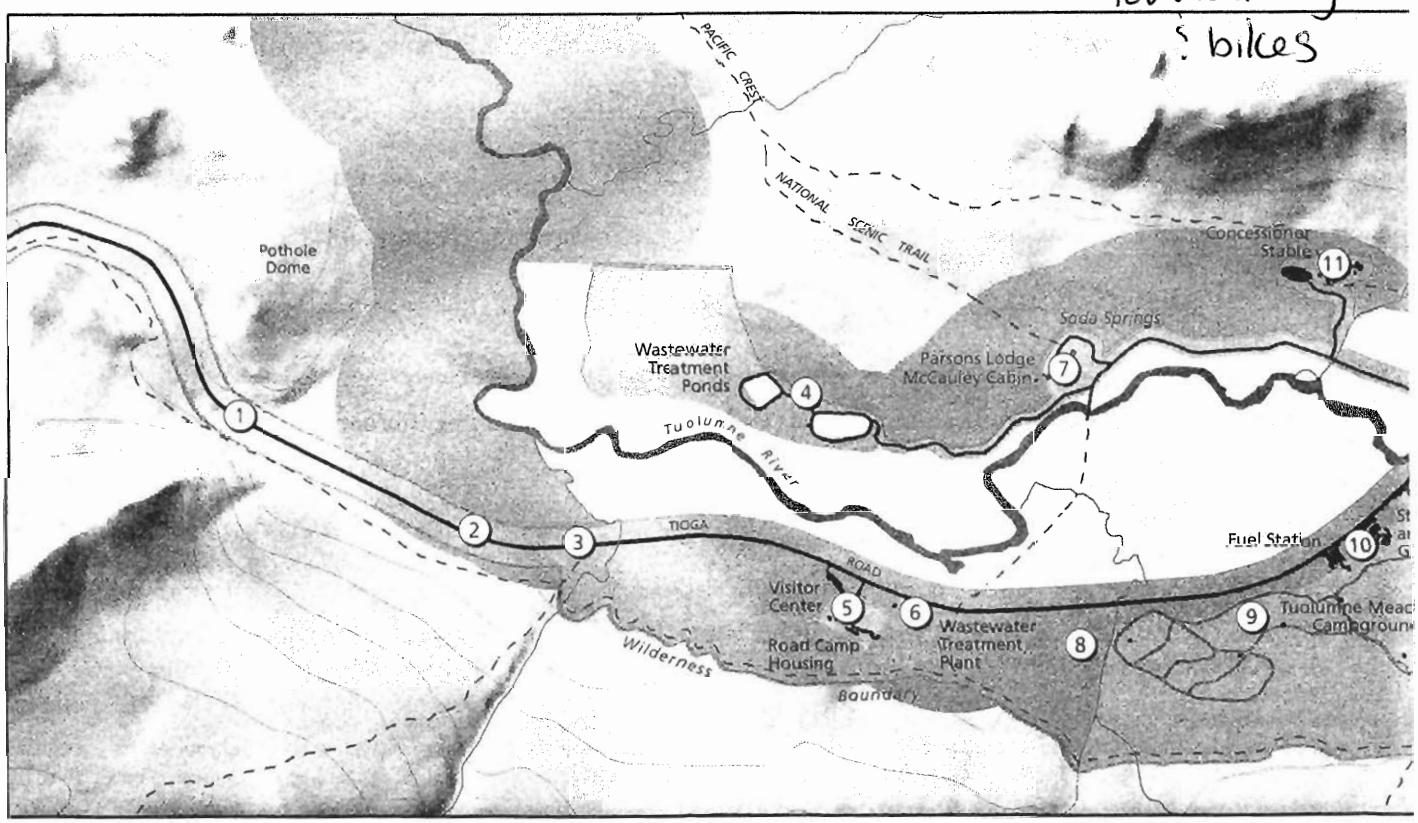
① have a bike path & trail to Pothole dome, continue with free shuttle - off road parking ② provide off road parking in the trees @ Pothole Cathedral ④ Improve & update water treatment site 3 ⇒ ⑤ Great idea (retain visitor center) ⑥ tuck all this into the trees out of view ⑦ Yes preserve Parsons Lodge & McCauley Cabine ⑧ good place for parking ⑨ Retain all camping loops keep A-loop on the river & the old stone bathroom walking ⑩ Retain store & grill. Add showers, put a trail for walking & bikes



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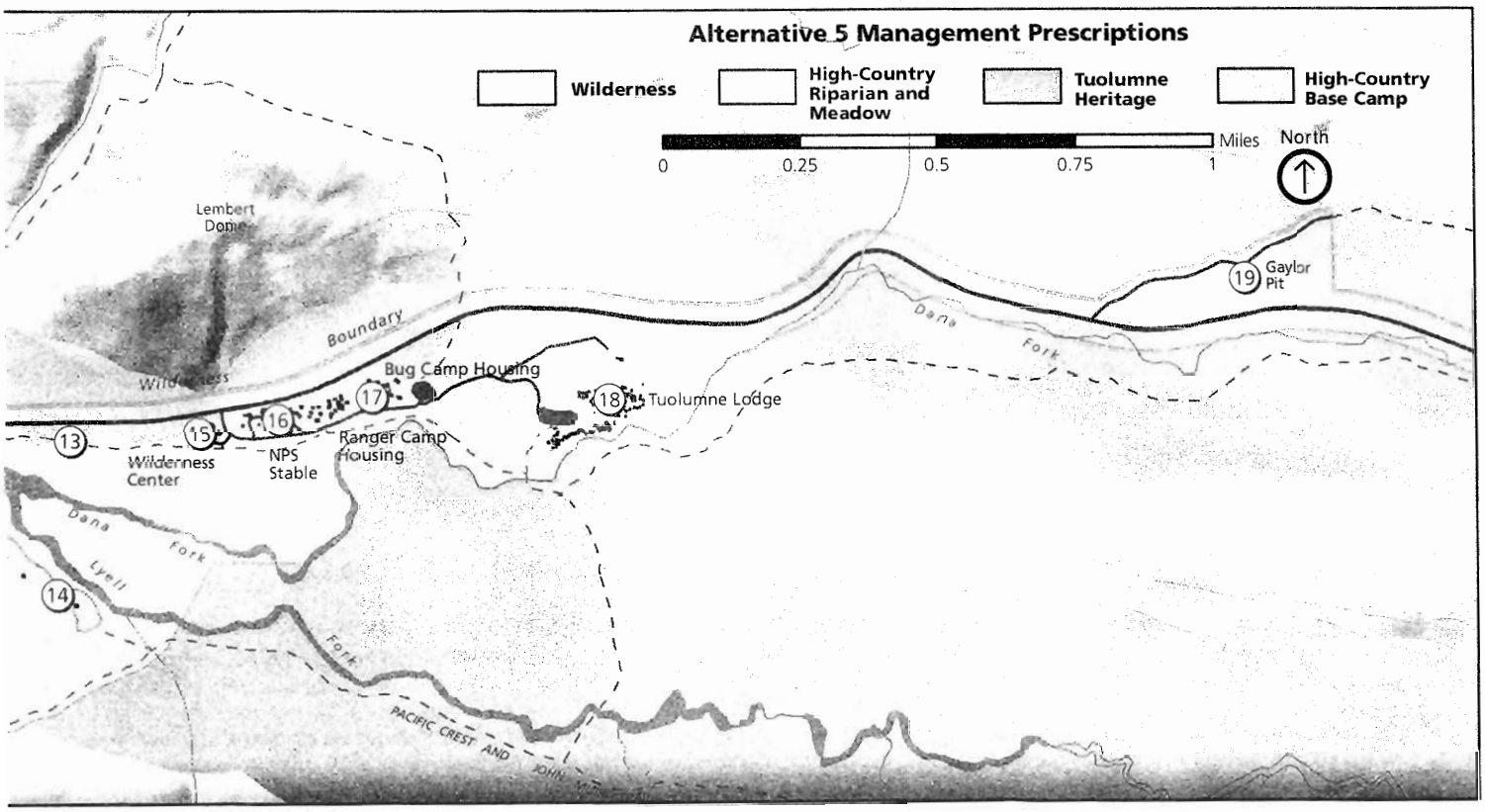

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I honestly don't know what other native american recommendations would be made.

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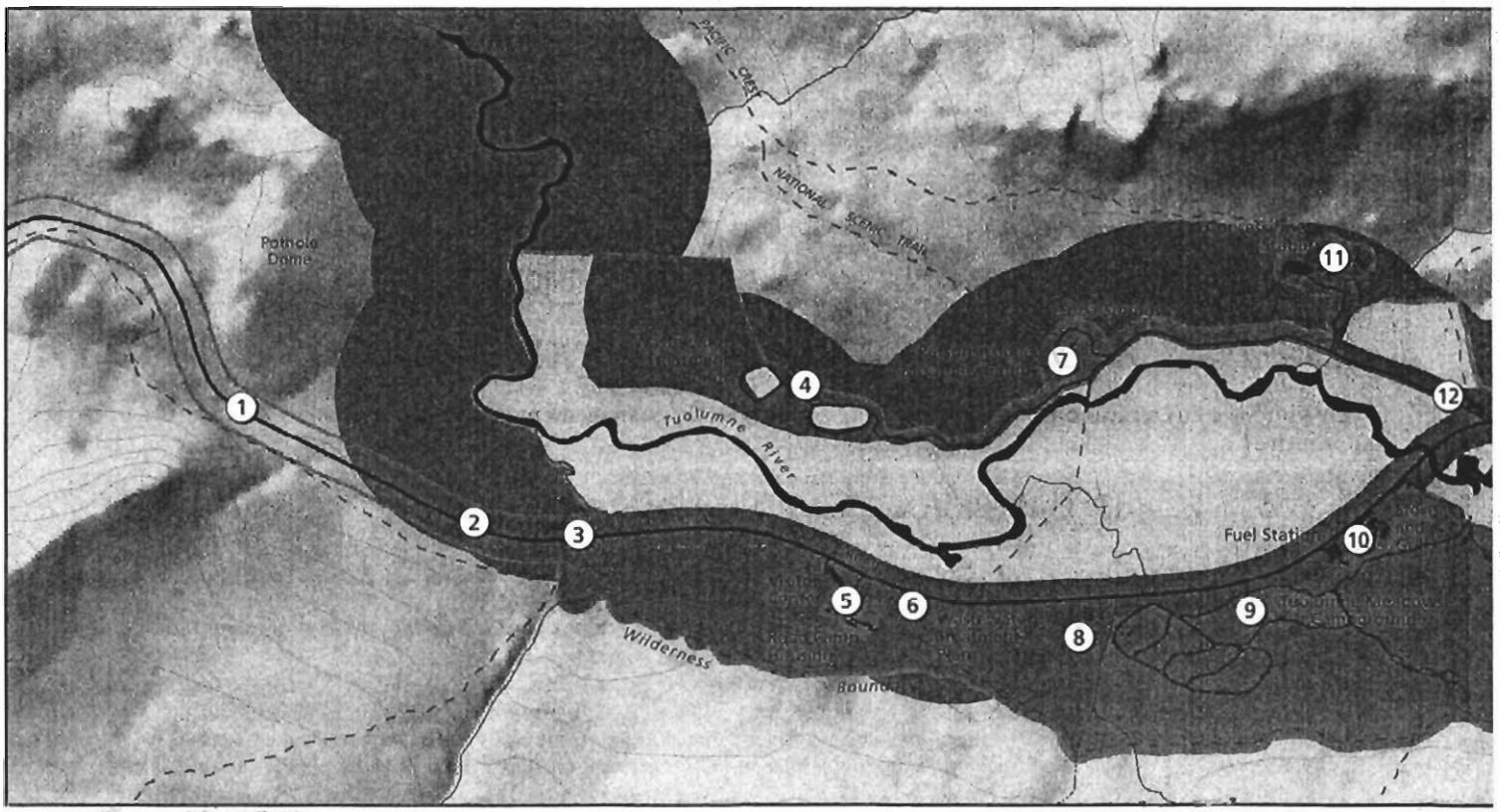

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relaxing and mach closer to nature - a "different feel."

We don't want it to become commercial or sports entertainment in any way. Comfortable lodging brings a different type of visitor. Sporting might disturb the peace and quiet it now posesses.

Retain ranger staff comforts — water sports should find another river - Consider Native American interests, but don't allow these to overpower the current "feel" of the meadow.

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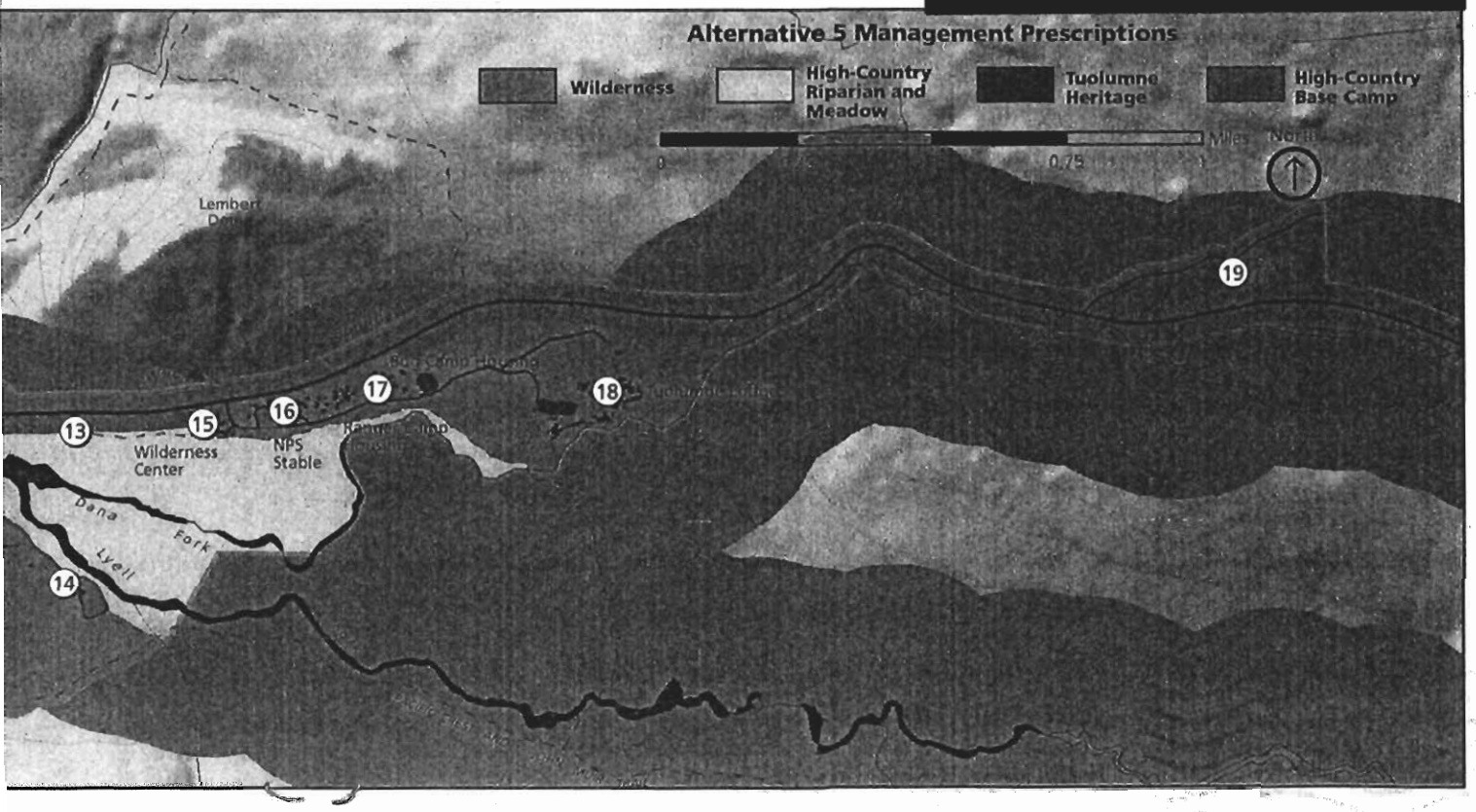

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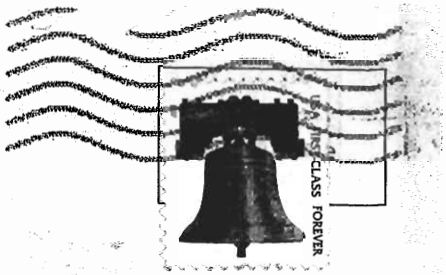

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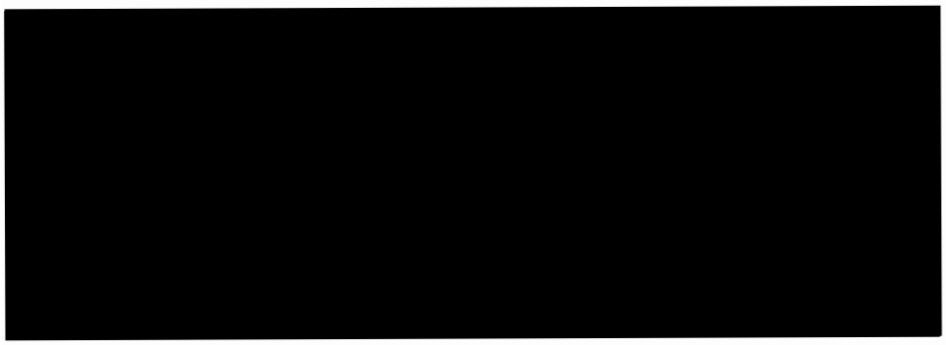
This letter provides comments on Yosemite's 2008 Tuolumne Planning Workbook. My concerns involve the harmful impacts of commercial activities originating at Tuolumne Meadows and elsewhere in and near the Tuolumne River corridor. My specific comments are as follows:
Domestic livestock (i.e., horses, mules, etc.) are known to pollute water, spread weeds, and pulverize trails. Your plan for Tuolumne Meadows/River should end, once and for all, the commercial horse rides, unless:
1. ...all stock animals are strictly required to wear diapers to prevent pollution from animal manure and urine. Such diapers are now widely accepted and available. See, for example: http://www.equisan.com.au/ [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001d87jtc0xPSXpOwg5qJElmKvpspwNPaWrDwTONKtvp6wY4he-jpBXu2ms6msdHjMeW46QXqHEBxIfSz10LJF155ECUZIvrwvK6YMxNStIbVXwSJu3__eVQQ==]
Further, the operators of the commercial horse stables must be required to properly dispose of the stock manure and urine from the diapers to prevent pollution of water, trails, and camping areas. Such measures are necessary because stock animals have been shown to contaminate water in the Sierra Nevada, including the Tuolumne River. I strongly object to the continued pollution of the Tuolumne River by stock manure and urine. The NPS must take action to stop it.
2. ...all stock animals are sufficiently quarantined before entering the park to prevent the spread of weeds, and the commercial operators are required to use only weed-free feed. See, for example: http://www.extendinc.com/weedfreefeed/ [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001d87jtc0xPSVR$hu-kvpRIvIEda8wh562XN9lpiWvGnQc16E_LzRfEjH0mziTveISsI862RqKLeVlA-Cu1E8qm8jeWOEIGz5BXqY2zk6eE6DLIe2B9MPy2yE5_i-ac6jM-IJHVCwb_Uc=]
Because livestock are known to spread invasive weeds by importing weed seeds on their coats and in their manure, all stock animals should be strictly required to be properly washed and quarantined before they are allowed to enter Yosemite's high country, and only weed-free feed should be allowed.
Please craft a range of reasonable alternatives that will truly protect Tuolumne Meadows and the Tuolumne River.

I object to and am offended by Alternative 5, the so-called "Preferred Alternative," which is titled "Honor the traditions of the Tuolumne while looking to the future." What this really seems to mean is continuing and condoning the commercialism and polluting activities of the past, while looking the other way. This alternative inappropriately would continue the polluting commercial horse rides, High Sierra Camps, and other harmful activities by labeling them as part of our "heritage."
The NPS can and must do better to protect the magnificent Tuolumne Meadows and River. The Workbook does not present a range of reasonable alternatives as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Clearly, the ugly and polluting "High Sierra Camps" (HSCs) at Glen Aulin, Tuolumne Meadows, and Vogelsang should be closed, and the sites restored. But removal of the HSCs (and the commercial horse rides) is only considered under a single alternative that is accompanied by the removal of nearly all of the facilities at Tuolumne Meadows. It is plainly obvious that Alternative 1 (which includes removal of the store, grill, fuel station and mountaineering school) will not be seriously considered by the NPS. Lumping the fate of the HSCs

and commercial horse rides with such a radical "fringe" alternative is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to make it appear as if the NPS has considered their removal. This is illustrated by the fact that removal of the polluting HSCs and damaging horse rides is not even included in Alternative 4, which purportedly aims to "Recover Healthy Ecological Conditions in Disturbed Meadow and Riparian Areas." This is unacceptable. The HSCs, which are outdated and polluting commercial eyesores, should be removed, and their removal must be included in more than a single radical alternative that will not be seriously considered.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.



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I like the concept of reserving use for "adventurous" types — but that should not mean no lodgings — encourage the casual, party, family break people elsewhere.

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Expansion will happen on its own — no need to encourage! The meadow is key — I like the idea of focus on its sensitivity.

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

I don't like the emphasis on "preserving" or status quo. Action is needed! It will become a Yosemite overspill otherwise.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Save over "natural eco system" — I like the fact that you can "see" here — ie no trees on meadows on on riverbanks!

2. Do you have any additional comments or questions about the management zoning alternatives, including the preferred alternative?

— Its very challenging.

My comments from a UK visitor, (hiker & climber). I stayed 2 weeks in park.

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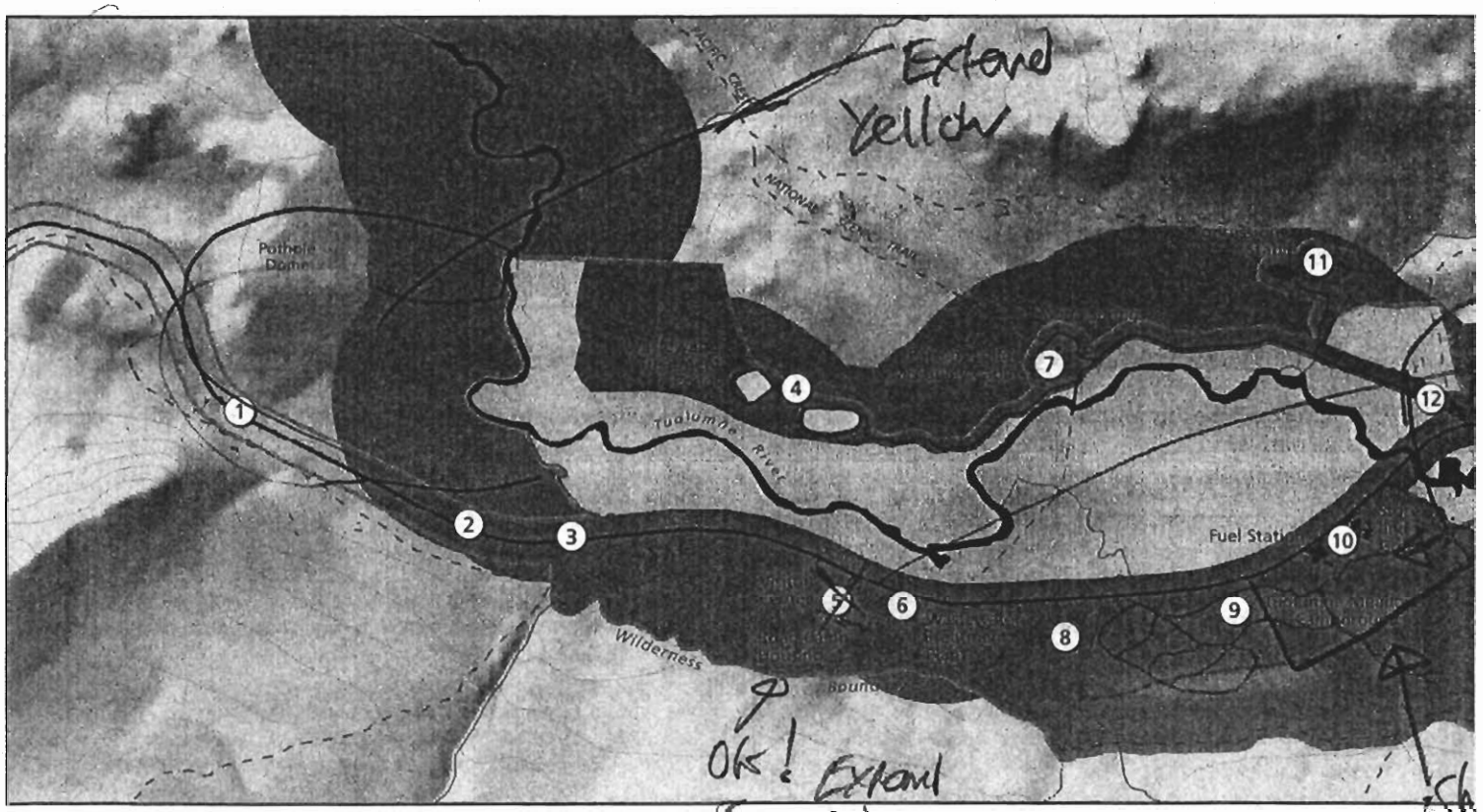
The most important things to accomplish in the preferred alternative site plan for Tuolumne Meadows are:

(1) To distinguish visitor activities and reflect these use types spatially, by clustering.

(2) To reduce land take, and sprawl, of land uses.

(3) To introduce policies to reduce "urbanisation" of the visit experience eg. Enforce quiet times at campgrounds and ban fires (or fires everyday, or after 9.30pm). The campground has currently a beach, party atmosphere — this is not a wilderness experience.



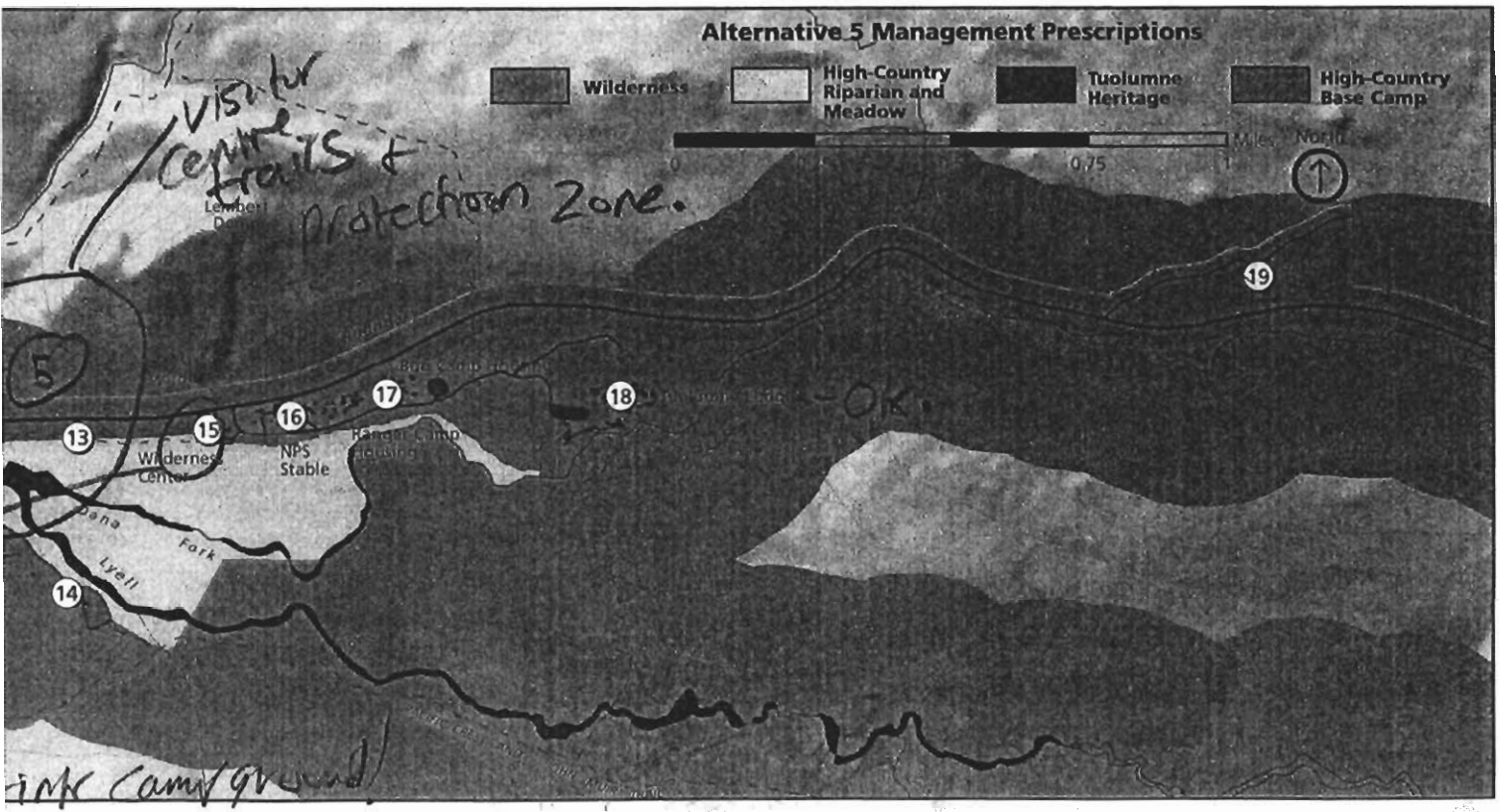
This could best be accomplished by the following changes at the locations specified on the Tuolumne Meadows site plan map (please be sure to number your comments so they match the site numbers shown on the map below):

(5) If Money to do, relocate & re-design Visitor Centre to give an outdoor as well as indoor experience — the mono lake V.C. is a very good example — this may mean relocating to a site where landscapes are within easy reach — eg the picnic site at Lembert Dome.

(9) Totally re-manage the Campground. small tents (climbers) need easy access to store & shuttle IF car to be left at site. Look at UK Campsites models or Camp 4 at Yosemite. — Site IF Far too big — split into two.

(15) move wilderness Centre to near store/campground to encourage wildness living.

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: _____



Create Your Own Site Plan

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September 5, 2008

Yosemite Planning
National Park Service
P.O. Box 577
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Dear Kristina Rylands and Tuolumne Planning Team Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest Tuolumne Planning Workbook and the four alternative site plans developed by the Park Service. The Tuolumne River Trust appreciates the efforts that the Park Service has made to develop plans that will enhance user access to the River while protecting water quality, wildlife values and the outstanding remarkable values (ORV's) of the Tuolumne River.

The Trust has the following comments in regards to particular site treatments as described in the various alternatives:

Social Trails: We support removing social trails along Tioga Road near Pothole Dome and Cathedral Lakes trailhead. Limit or formalize trail access across the meadows to Parson's Lodge to reduce ecological impacts. This wide trail in particular appears to have negative impacts on the meadow as it disrupts both surface and subsurface flow across the meadow. Also, culverts under this trail are undersized which has created notable erosion problems on the downstream side of the culverts. A boardwalk across the meadow should be considered as an alternative.

Parking: We support removing all informal parking along Tioga Road and provide a formal parking area in whichever area would result in the least ecological impacts. Also, many of the culverts under Tioga Road are undersized and have created erosion problems on the downstream (north) side of the road. These should be enlarged to reduce the problem.

Wastewater: We strongly support removing the wastewater ponds and service road on the north side of the river and restoring to natural conditions. The wastewater ponds in particular represent a threat to water quality and negatively affect the aesthetic value of the area. To accommodate needed wastewater treatment, the existing treatment plant on the south side of Tioga Pass Road should be upgraded or replaced to provide tertiary treatment.Any expansion of facilities should be added to this location only.

Stables: We support consolidating the stables to one location. This location should be chosen based on the reduction of ecologic impacts and the most appropriate access and staging of pack animals.

Campgrounds: We support retaining existing capacity of campgrounds with relocation of facilities away from riparian areas.

Existing buildings and Visitor Services: We support maintaining and improving existing buildings to the extent feasible with relocation and consolidation to reduce overall ecologic impacts and reduce vehicle trips. Consider removal of the fuel station from Tuolumne Meadows to decrease risk from accidental spillage during transport.

Bicycle paths: Provide off-highway bicycle access along Tioga Road by utilizing the historic Old Tioga Road/Sierra Wagon Road Trail. Ensure that appropriate signage is provided to prevent conflicts between hikers, equestrian users and bicyclists.

Boating Access: Provide opportunities for boating on the Tuolumne River in Yosemite National Park.

Culverts: Enlarge culverts along Tioga Road through Tuolumne Meadows to address erosion impacts.

Signage: Provide interpretive signage on the Tioga Road bridge over the Tuolumne River educating visitors about the environmental and historical nature of the Tuolumne River, the watershed, and of the River's Wild and Scenic status and what that means.

Additional Comments

The Trust supports an alternative that includes the "High Country Riparian Meadow" management prescription aimed at restoration and protection of the riparian and meadow areas in conjunction with the consideration of the above site treatments.

Additionally, the Trust encourages the Park Service to consider linking the ORV's more directly to the Desired Conditions described in the Management Prescriptions. Where desired conditions do not currently exist for the proposed ORV's, we encourage the Park Service to develop them. To that end, the Trust recommends that new desired conditions specific to protection and enhancement of the river's scenic resources and specific to special status plant and animal species be developed.

The Trust appreciates your careful consideration of our comments and we look forward to reviewing future drafts of the Tuolumne River Plan.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Cremeen

Rebecca Cremeen
Sierra Nevada Program Director
Tuolumne River Trust

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Yosemite National Park, California, 95389

COMMENT FORM

Date: Sept. 14, 2008

☐ Action ☑ FYI

Assigned: Planning

Due Date: _____

Name of Visitor: [redacted]

Home Address: [redacted]
San Jose, CA 95124

Park Address: _____ Until date: _____

Specific services, facility, or incident involved:

Names of other persons affected, if known:

Comments (for additional space, use the back of this sheet):

re: this years' proposals

① Do not tear down/change use of T.M. Visitor's Center.

② Do not remove any lodging facilities. Maintain and improve as needed ~~for~~ to sustain facility.

Signature of Visitor: [redacted]

Written Response Requested? (if yes, please check) _____

Form received by: _____

Note to employee receiving form: Please route completed form to the Superintendent's Office immediately. This will facilitate action and may preclude additional complaints. If complaint was satisfactorily adjusted through personal contact or discussion, please describe settlement below and initial.

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September 12, 2008

We have read the July 2008 Tuolumne Planning Workbook and believe that the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Planning Team has produced an excellent product. We appreciate all of the opportunities we have had to be part of the process and provide our input.

As you are aware Tuolumne Meadows is the most highly developed area in the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir watershed and therefore has the greatest potential to contribute contaminants to the drinking water for 2.4 million residents of the San Francisco Bay Area. Because of this our comments regarding the alternative development process and alternative 5 (preferred) are centered on those items that we feel protect the excellent water quality of the Tuolumne River.

Comments:

1) Alternative 2 includes the concept of allowing recreational kayaking to take place on the river. We would not like to see this implemented. Allowing kayakers to bring their boats to the river from other locations might be a source for introducing invasive species such as Zebra and Quagga Mussels. If these invasive species become entrenched in the river they could have devastating effects on the overall health of the river system, as well as our facilities.

2) The following comments are specific to the preferred alternative and the site plan for Tuolumne Meadows. The comments are keyed to the numbers on the Alternative 5 Management Prescriptions map in the Workbook's comment form:

   - #2 Shoulder Parking along the Tioga Road – We agree with the statement for #2 contained in alternatives 1- 4 and would like to see this included in alternative 5. "Remove all Tioga Road shoulder parking and social trails; restore natural conditions. Provide scenic pullouts." This indiscriminant parking and associated social trails can contribute sediment and other contaminants to the river.

   - #3 Cathedral Lakes Trailhead – We would like to see either the concept from alternatives 1, 2 and 3 to provide parking for the Cathedral Lakes trailhead at the visitor center or the concept from alternative 4 to provide formal parking at the existing trailhead, included in alternative 5. If formal trailhead parking at the existing site is chosen, public toilet facilities must be provided. Many times, prior to the portable toilets being placed at the trailhead, we observed improperly disposed of human waste in the trees and adjacent to Budd Creek. The shoulder parking in this area, especially near where Budd Creek crosses the Tioga Road, can contribute contaminants to the drinking water supply.

- #4 Wastewater Treatment Ponds – We understand that the new wastewater treatment plant may include tertiary treatment of the wastewater. If tertiary treatment is technically feasible we, and our regulators the California Department of Public Health, would like to see this level of treatment included in the plant design. If the final design for the new treatment plant requires a facility to store the treated wastewater, we would recommend that the storage facilities be tanks, rather than ponds. This would alleviate the problem that sometimes occurs with the ponds overflowing.

  If the design of the new wastewater treatment plant envisions utilizing spray fields, we favor utilizing the existing spray field location. If the spray fields were located south of the Tioga Road there may be issues with poor evaporation on this north facing slope.

- #6, #11 and #16 NPS and Concessionaire Stables – We favor consolidation of these facilities in a location where runoff through corrals does not have the potential to reach the river. Location #6 as described in Alternative 2 appears to be a suitable site and we would like to see this concept included in Alternative 5.

- #9, #14 Tuolumne Meadows Campground – The existing condition of the roads and indiscriminate parking at campsites leads to erosion and soil compaction that damages the root systems of the campground trees. We believe that Alternative 5 should include the concept of site delineation and improved traffic flow. A well defined paved road system with paved parking spurs at campsites should be provided. In this campground design, the campsites in Loop A should be relocated away from riparian areas to protect the river from potential contamination.

  Additionally, it is our understanding that the toilet located near the campground reservation office, for winter use, is a pit toilet. We would like to see this toilet replaced with a sealed vault toilet.

- #17 Dog Lake/John Muir Trail Parking – We feel this trailhead parking should be retained in Alternative 5. At times, we have observed human waste in the trees surrounding this facility. Therefore, we feel that toilet facilities at this site should be provided in Alternative 5.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have questions concerning our comments please contact Art Smith of my staff.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hannaford
General Manager

cc: A. DeGraca, T. Ramirez, Art Smith, Moccasin Records

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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Like - provide a shower/restroom facility and consolidate visitor center, store & grill & redesign for better efficiency ② consolidate park operations to improve efficiency ③ relocate A loop to protect riparian areas ④ retain Tuolumne Lodge Don't like - kayaking addition to experiences

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Like ① remove informal parking & social trails & restore natural conditions ② remove shoulder parking, restore, add scenic pullouts ③ restore Wagon Road as interpretative center ④ remove Tuolumne housing near river only ⑤ consolidate park operation facilities to improve efficiency Don't like lack of emphasis on restoring disturbed & fragile habitats

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept?

Like - ① restoration of ecological integrity through intensive research & management ② pull facilities away from river at Tuolumne Lodge & Campground A loop & remove wastewater treatment ponds ③ Manage to protect sensitive archeological sites ④ Consolidate park ops facilities to improve efficiency & reduce impacts on habitat

2. Do you have any additional comments or questions about the management zoning alternatives, including the preferred alternative?

Replace some flush toilets with waterless ones

Alternative 5 should include allowing lodging, camping, food service & fuel service but redesign/relocate to restore riparian & wetland areas and consolidate park operation facilities to improve efficiency & reduce habitat impacts

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We dislike this plan because it will potentially destroy the 'wild' aspect of the Tuolumne Region. We do like added showers.

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- First - choice all around — matches current use demands & addresses upgrade to current service.

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Need parking near Lembert Dome

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5 is a second choice - seems to be more costly for desired effect -

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Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Again, this is not a valid alternative! The management zoning is essentially Tuolumne Heritage less High Country Riparian and Meadow. These elements should be a subset of a fully "fleshed" alternative. Rug

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Two are not alternatives! There should have been a better efforts to produce some additional viable alternatives; Rug but a good try anyway.

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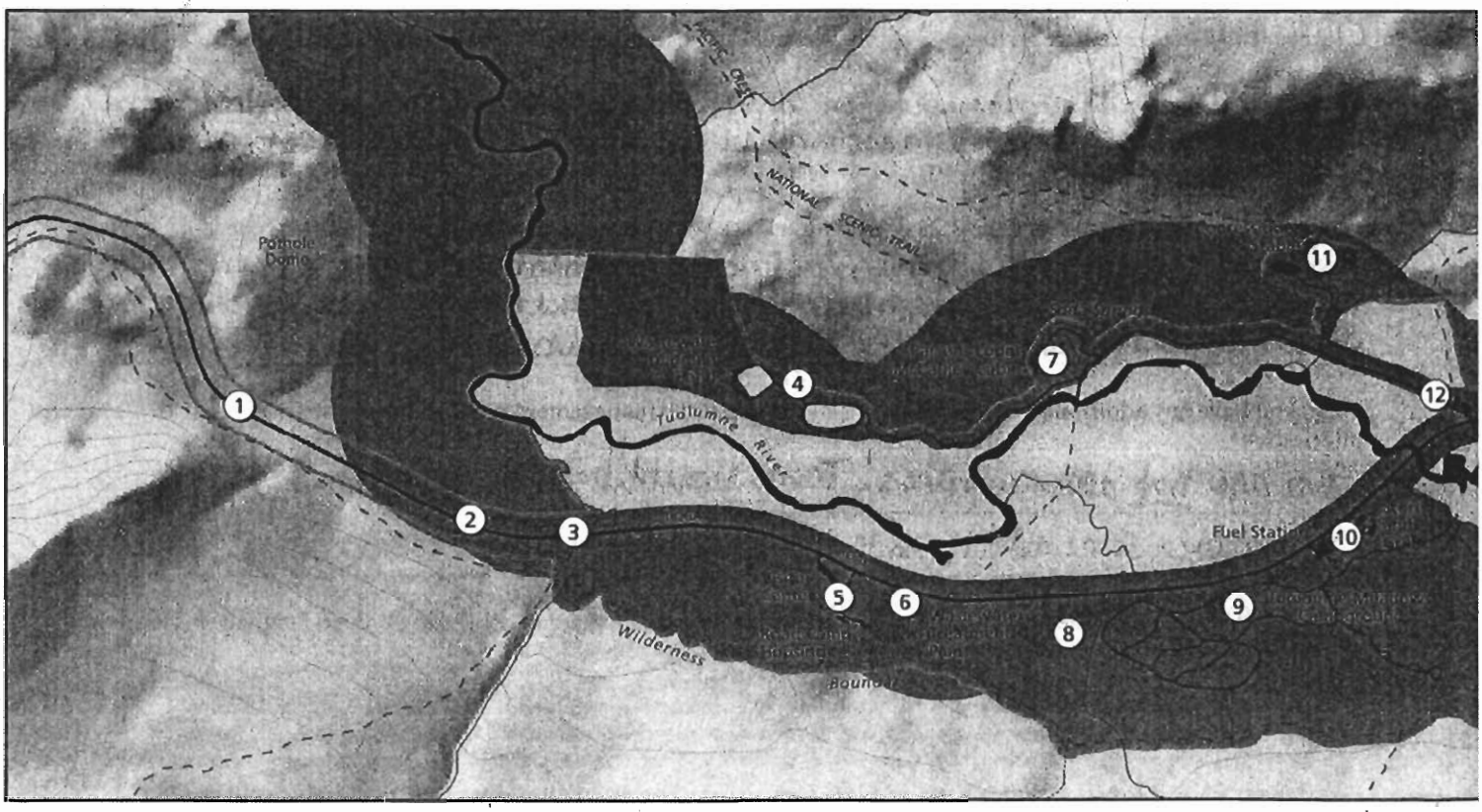
See Alternative (5) zoning (above)

The most important things to accomplish in the preferred alternative site plan for Tuolumne Meadows are:

(1) Provide parking with trail connection (2) Remove Tioga road shoulder parking and provide scenic pullouts (3) Remove internal parking & restore natural conditions (4) Remove wastewater treatment ponds and access road & restore natural conditions (5) Retain visitor center function & add picnic area. Retain housing. Relocate maintenance operations and provide Cathedral Lakes parking. (6) Provide new wastewater treatment facilities near existing treatment plant. Provide NPS maintenance yard & operations office near wastewater treatment plant. (7) preserve Parsons lodge & McCauley Cabin. (8) provide formal day parking and picnic area. (9) Retain current campground capacity and improve site delineation and traffic flow. (10) Consolidate visitor center, store, grill, fuel station and mountaineering school. Provide showers & restrooms and add meadow interpretive trail. (11) Retain Concessionaire Stable. Provide meadow overlook, picnic area and parking (12) Redesign parking and expand picnic area and redesign comfort station. (13) Restore Great Sierra wagon road and provide hike/bike trail along Tioga road & historic road. (14) Relocate "A" loop campsites away from riparian areas. (15) Retain ranger station and wilderness center. Add visitor center function to wilderness center



This could best be accomplished by the following changes at the locations specified on the Tuolumne Meadows site plan map (please be sure to number your comments so they match the site numbers shown on the map below):

(16) Retain NPS stable. (13) Retain usable NPS ranger housing. Consolidate concessioner housing. Remove Bug Camp housing. Relocate maintenance functions. Retain Dog Lake / MT parking. (19) Retain Tuolumne Lodge. Remove dining hall and housing away from the river. (19) Retain emergency operations, including the helipad. Provide housing, satellite parking and waterless toilet. Extend shuttle service.

* Thank you for a useful planning workbook !!!

The result will be a preferred alternative of a "good" quality.

[redacted]

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: [redacted]

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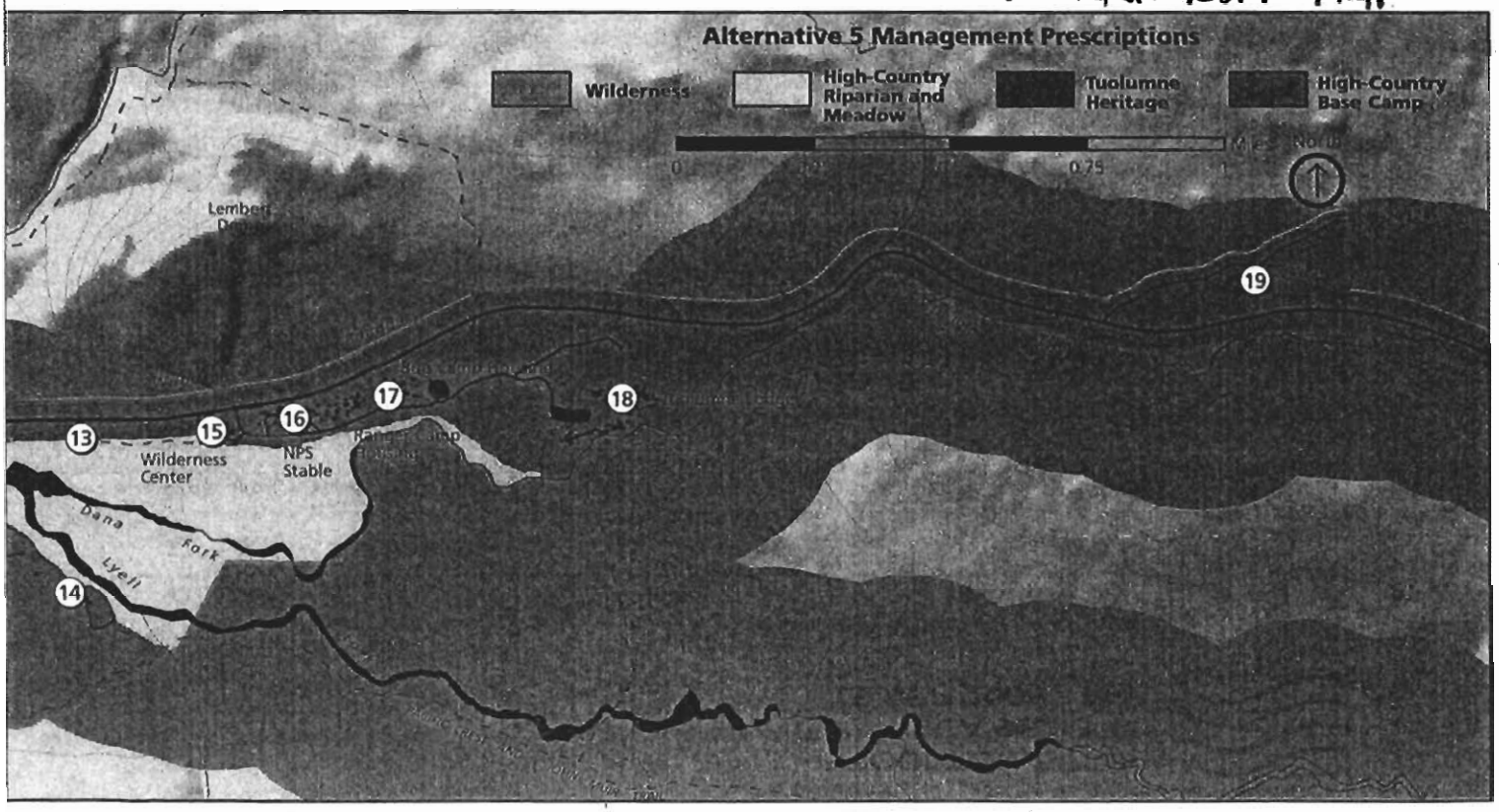

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1. What are your suggestions or concerns about the preliminary alternative site plan concepts for Tuolumne Meadows:

Site plan concept for alternative 1 (page 16 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Most visitors couldn't handle this plan. Their environmental awareness level is low and they would be turned off to coming to Tuolumne. We camped for 2 weeks in Tuolumne this summer + many partner campers think that camping is dousing the fire w/ lighter fluid + having a roaring blaze. If there was no store to buy wood they'd march into the forest + cut down the trees.

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? This has good ideas. Most visitors visit + see very little of the meadows, but what they do visit is overused and abused. Admitting that most people benefit from guided trails + picnic + day use areas is sensible. Hiking + biking trails along the Great Sierra Wagon Road are a great idea.

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like many aspects of this plan. Visitors become educated about the history and proper use of the area. The history and geological history is fascinating. People would understand that the meadows look very differently from 100 years ago.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? This is the overall best plan. It protects much of the area from transient visitors who can't cope well in the wilderness areas and incorporates the best ideas from all the plans.

2. Do you have any additional comments or questions about the management zoning alternatives, including the preferred alternative?

#4 is my favorite plan. I have enjoyed seeking out + finding many inaccessible things in Tuolumne, but I realize that most visitors don't come as often as I do.

3. Please don't overlook the opportunity to develop your own site plan concept for the preferred management zoning alternative inside this folded sheet. see comments (over)

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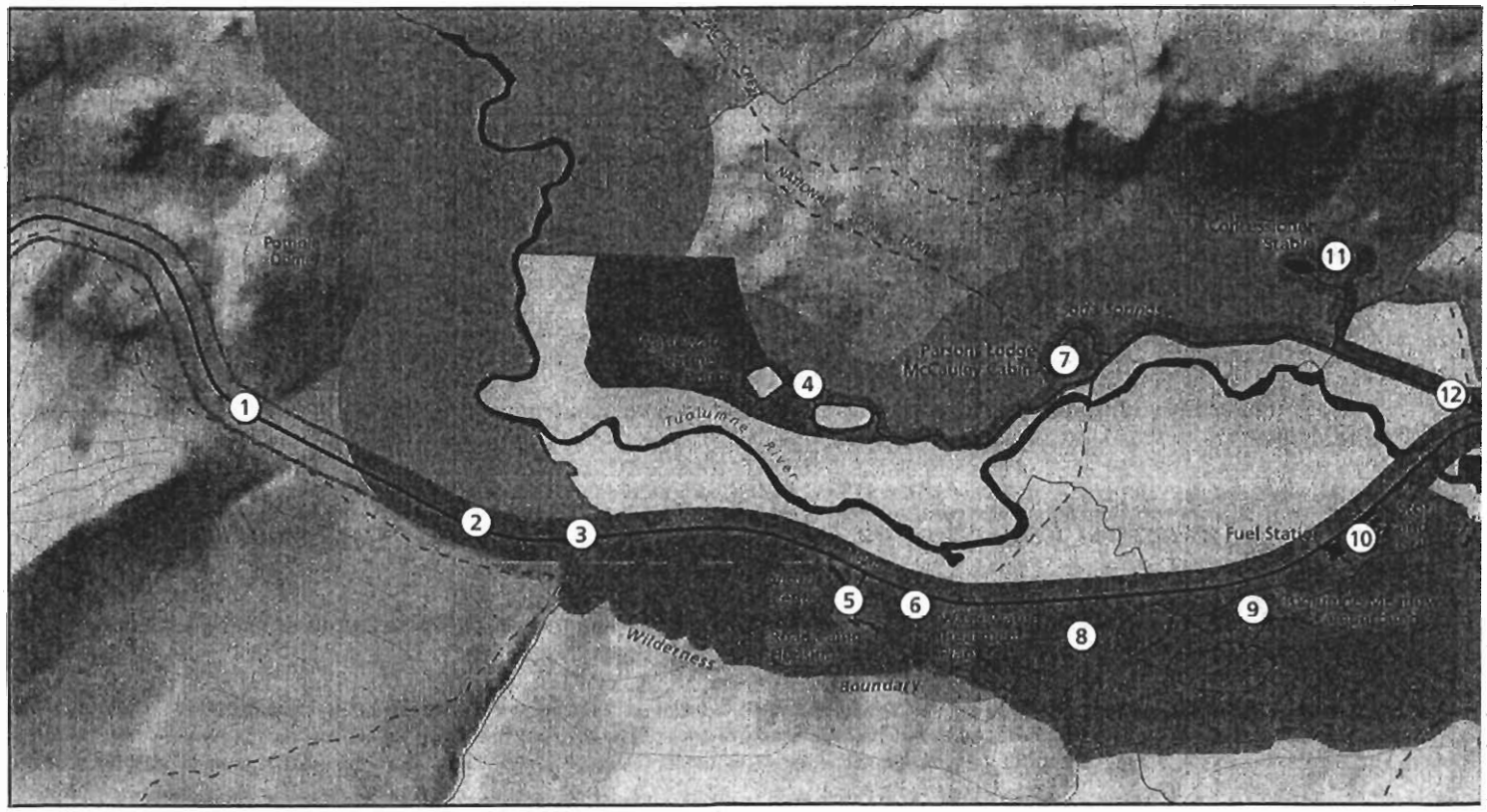
1) Relocating ranger station, wilderness center and mountain school to more accessible locations so people can find them easily & take advantage of them.

#4: This is my favorite plan, and I agree with all its recommendations.

I realize that moving the wastewater treatment ponds may not be possible.



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I have an additional comment: I think visitors would utilize the camping sites better if the bathrooms and dishwashing facilities were upgraded and it were easier to clean up after meals.

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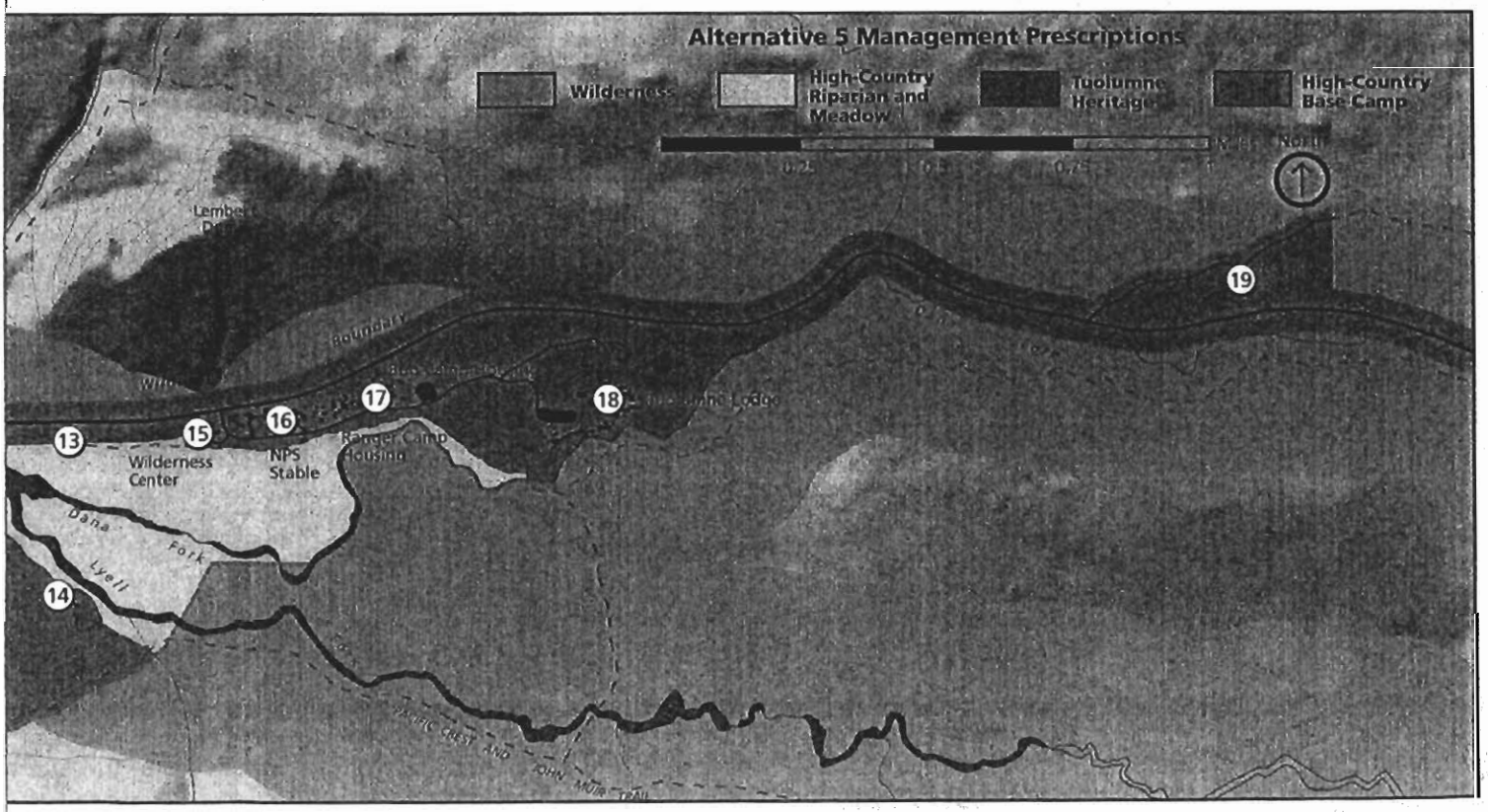

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TRY TO LEAVE MUCH OF IT THE WAY IT IS NOW, LEAVE THE CAMPGROUND AND STORE THE WAY IT IS NOW.

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Keep mountaineering School, do not add visitor c. to wilderness c.

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept?

Keep Shoulder parking + social trails, ~~do~~ Keeps visitor center where it is, (13) make bike trail along Tioga Rd (10 - no meadow interpretive trail, keep store as is.

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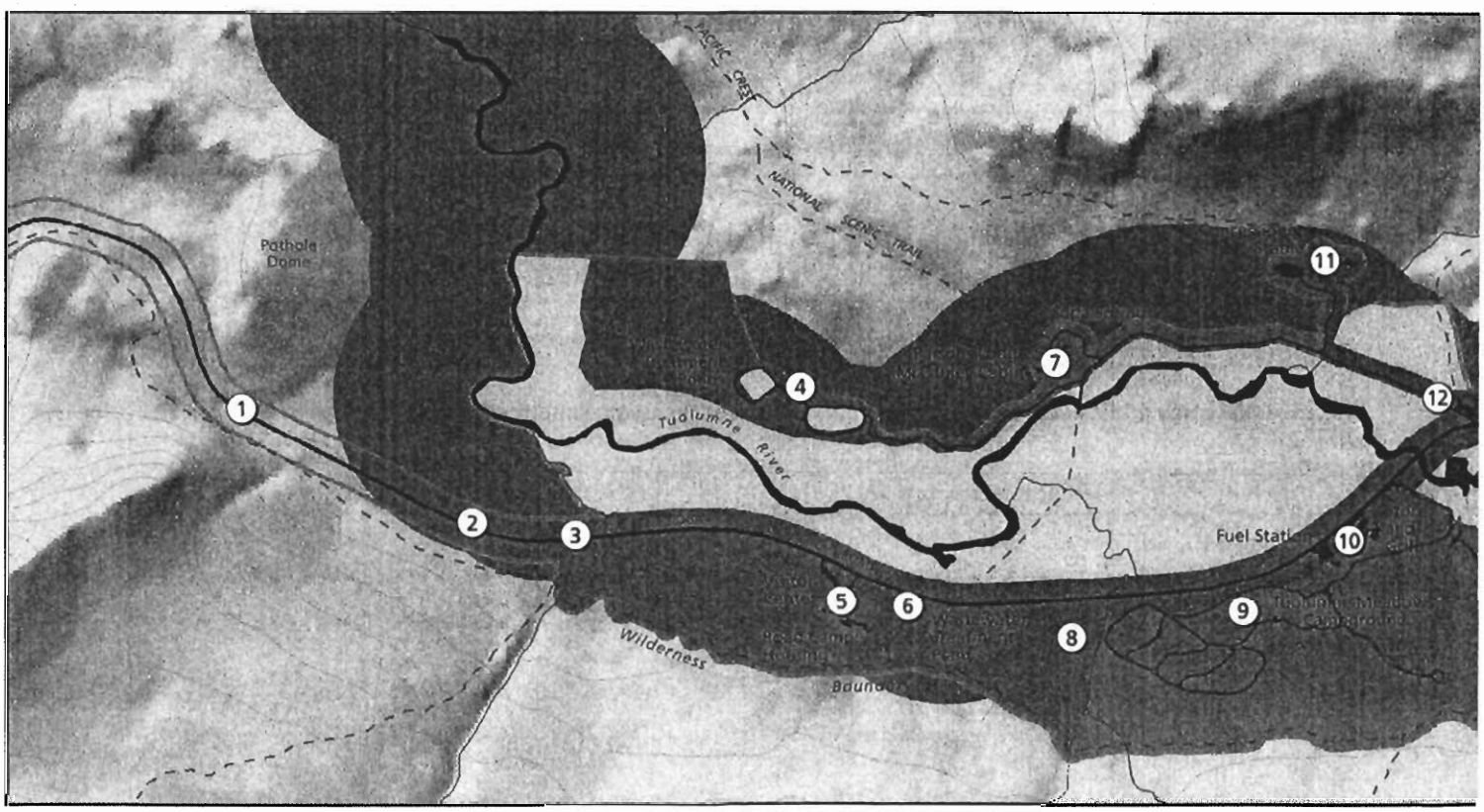
Keep Store + grill + PO as is.



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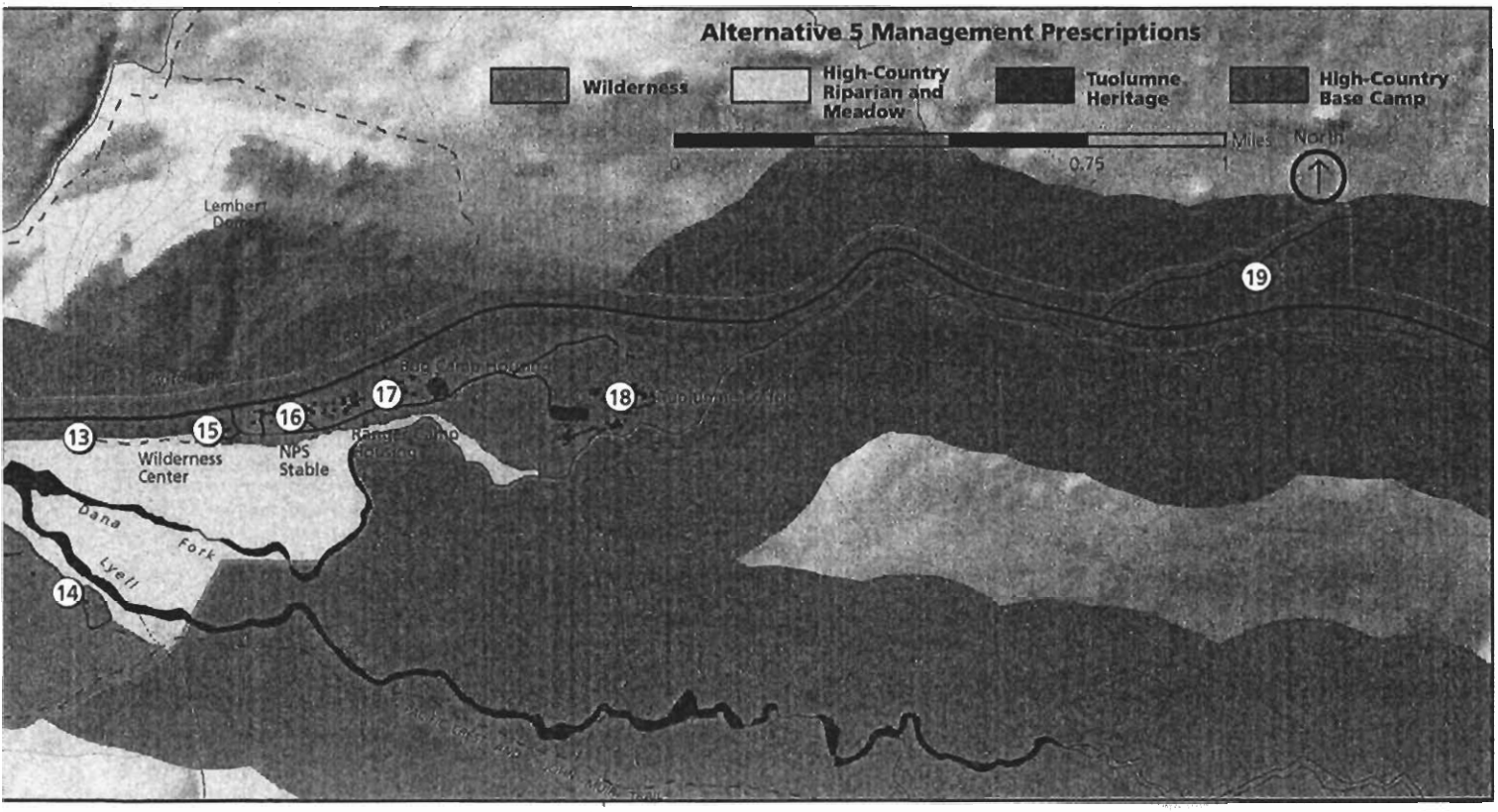
Keep store + grill as is.
Keep wilderness center as is
do not add visitor center to it.
Keep visitor center where it is (5)

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: _____



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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I don't think moving are relocating Facilities is going to change the experience a visitor is seeking. Not to mention how much this will all cost.

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? This Plan is better. Keeping it friendly to all types of visitors. Keeping the rustic feel that so many have known and love.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept?

I don't like all the moving around. Although I do like making it more walker/Bike friendly with Paths.

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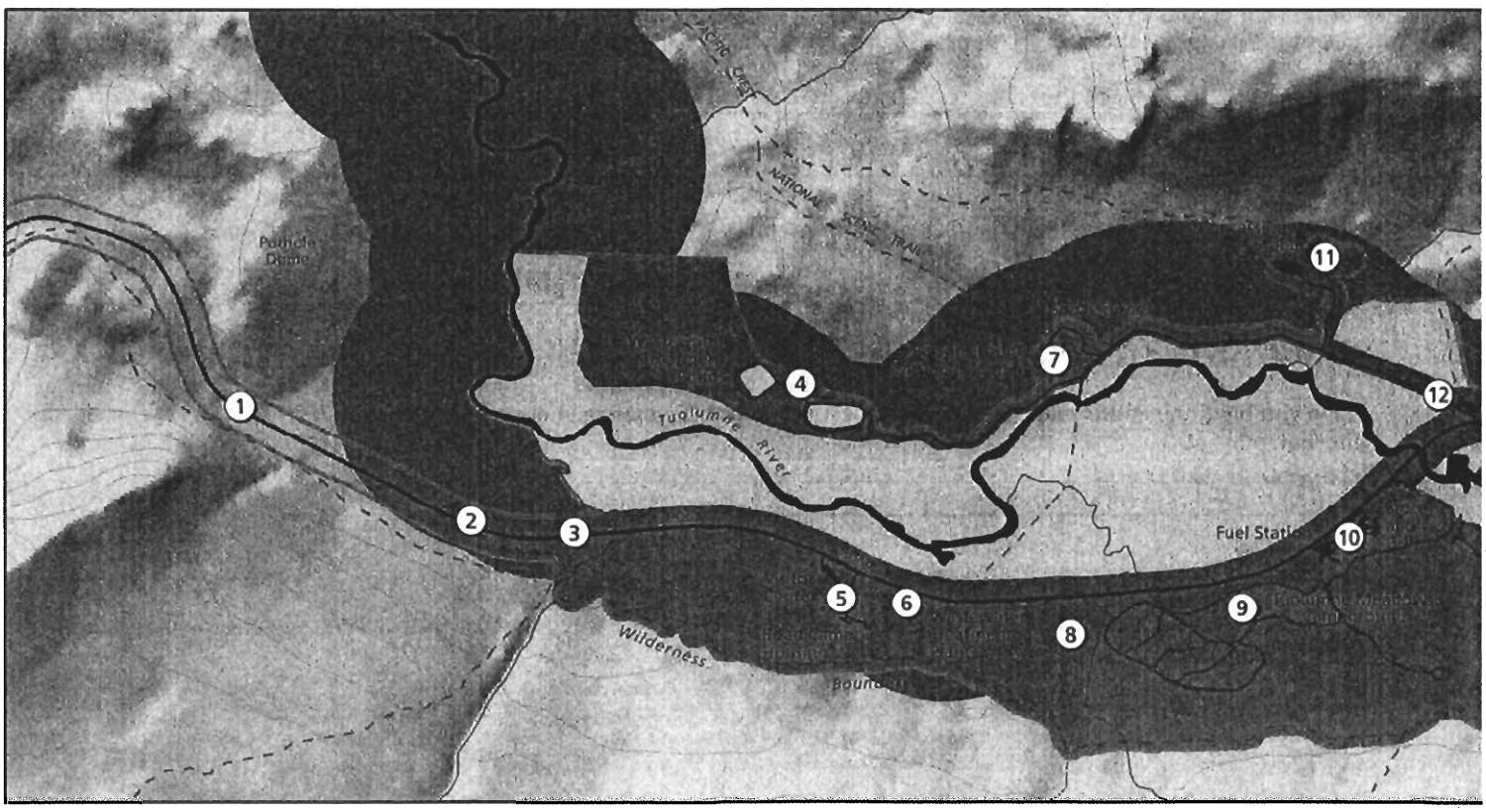
Working here as a Ranger has really opened my eyes to how many different types of visitors there are. As I will and can easily step off the beaten path to see what Yosemite really entails, not everyone else does. In order to keep yosemite beautiful we must educate others on its importance, but experience is the best education. If the average visitor is not allowed to experience Tuolumne meadows and Glen Aulin High Sierra Camps then how will they gain an appreciation for it? Protecting something you have never experienced is much more difficult to do then said. The appreciation and respect that is gained from a



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Visit is only recognized by Those who experience it. Eliminating access or very restricted access will also eliminate the appreciation and respect. We want this area to be explored and loved by all, but not just by Those who feel confined by a few amenities and facilities. We must remember there are all different kinds of visitors who would still love to share the appreciation of this area, even if it is absorbed in a different way.

① Provide formal Parking and connector trail.

② Remove shoulder parking. Provide scenic pullouts

③ remove informal parking.

④ Keep Wastewater treatment ponds, unless there is need for facilites repair.

⑤ Keep visitor center, housing, and maintenance.

⑥ Keep unless, facilities need repair. Then consolidate.

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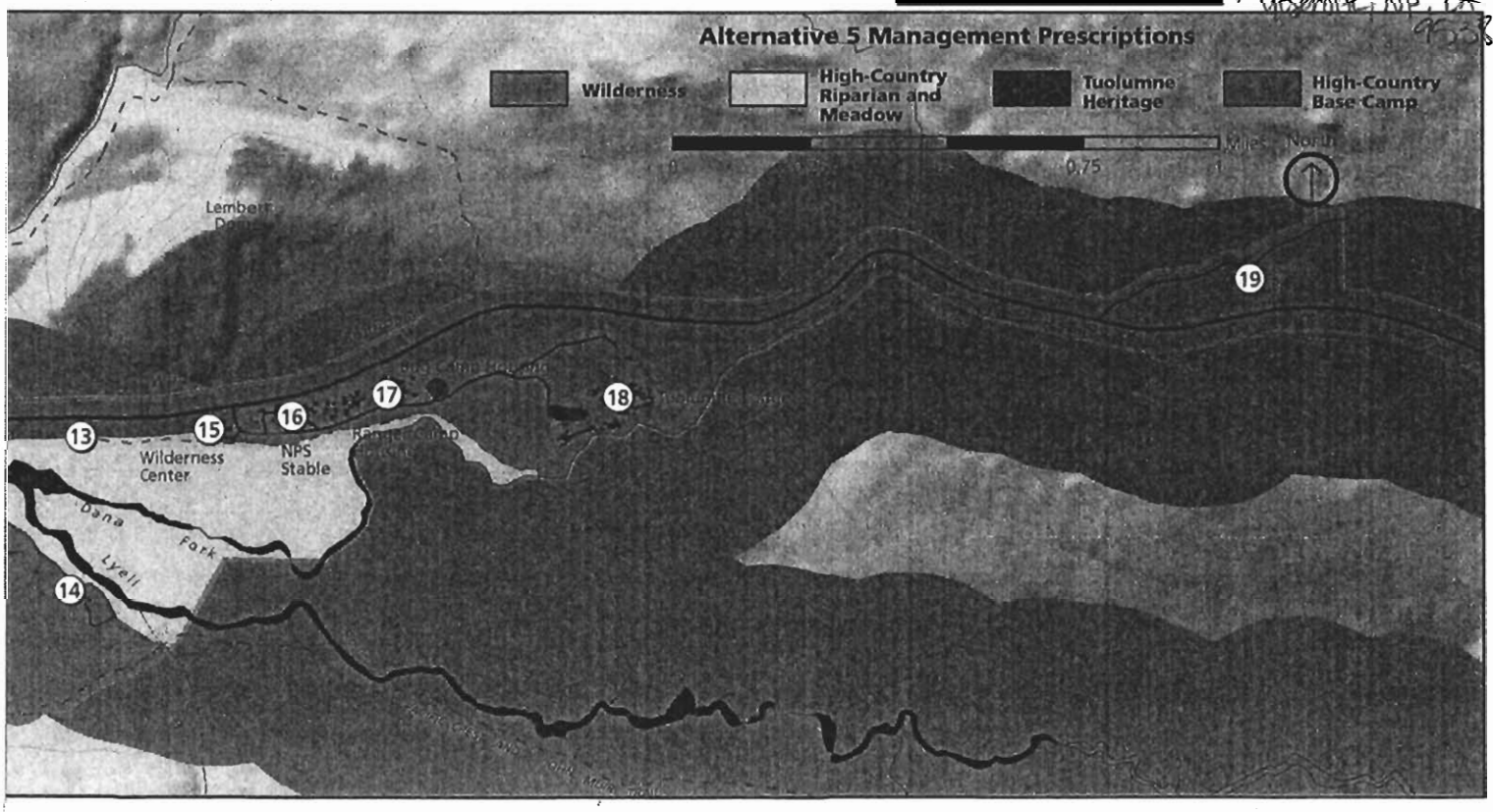

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(7) Keep Lodge & Cabin with access and utilities.
(8) No change
(9) Retain campground capacity, but improve traffic flow
(10) Retain store, grill, & fueling station
(11) Retain stables
(12) Retain parking and Picinic area
(13) Retain historic trail
(14) Retain A loop, create better flow.
(15) Retain Ranger station and wilderness station
(16) retain NPS stable
(17) Retain NPS Housing
(18) Retain Lodge
(19) retain emergency operations

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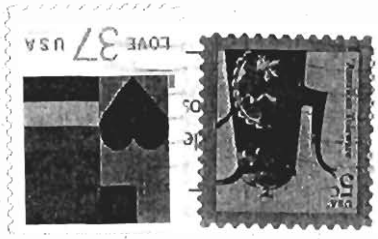

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Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like the emphasis on preserving & sustaining the wilderness character.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I dislike this option because of the resulting increase in visitor use levels.

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Tuolumne Meadows must be protected from the type of management that has destroyed the Valley.

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Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

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No more trail rides!

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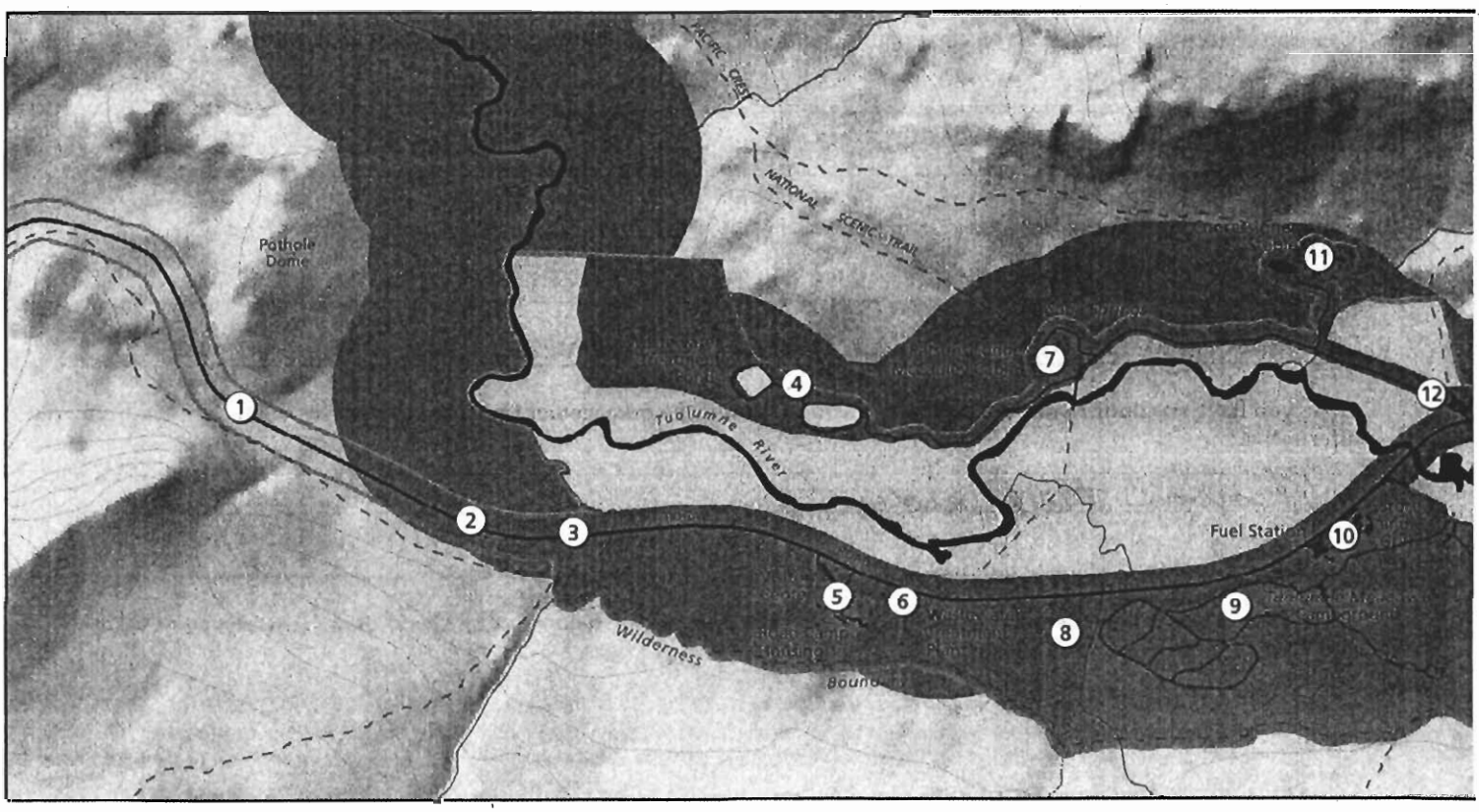
- More hiking trails from the store area
- No horse/mule/donkey rides - also keep them out of the meadows - they have a big impact on them
- Bike access routes - Tioga Road is too narrow to ride from campground to Lembert Dome/ Visitors Center, etc.
- Put in bathrooms at Cathedral Lakes trailhead - a parking lot would be safer.
- Taylor Pit is a ridiculous place for housing



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- Get rid of Tuolumne Lodge reversed cabins.
- Remove gas station. Put in parking lot and trail access
- Combine NPS and commercial stables
- Keep commercial stables only to support / supply High Sierra Camps
- Have a better recycling pick-up system.

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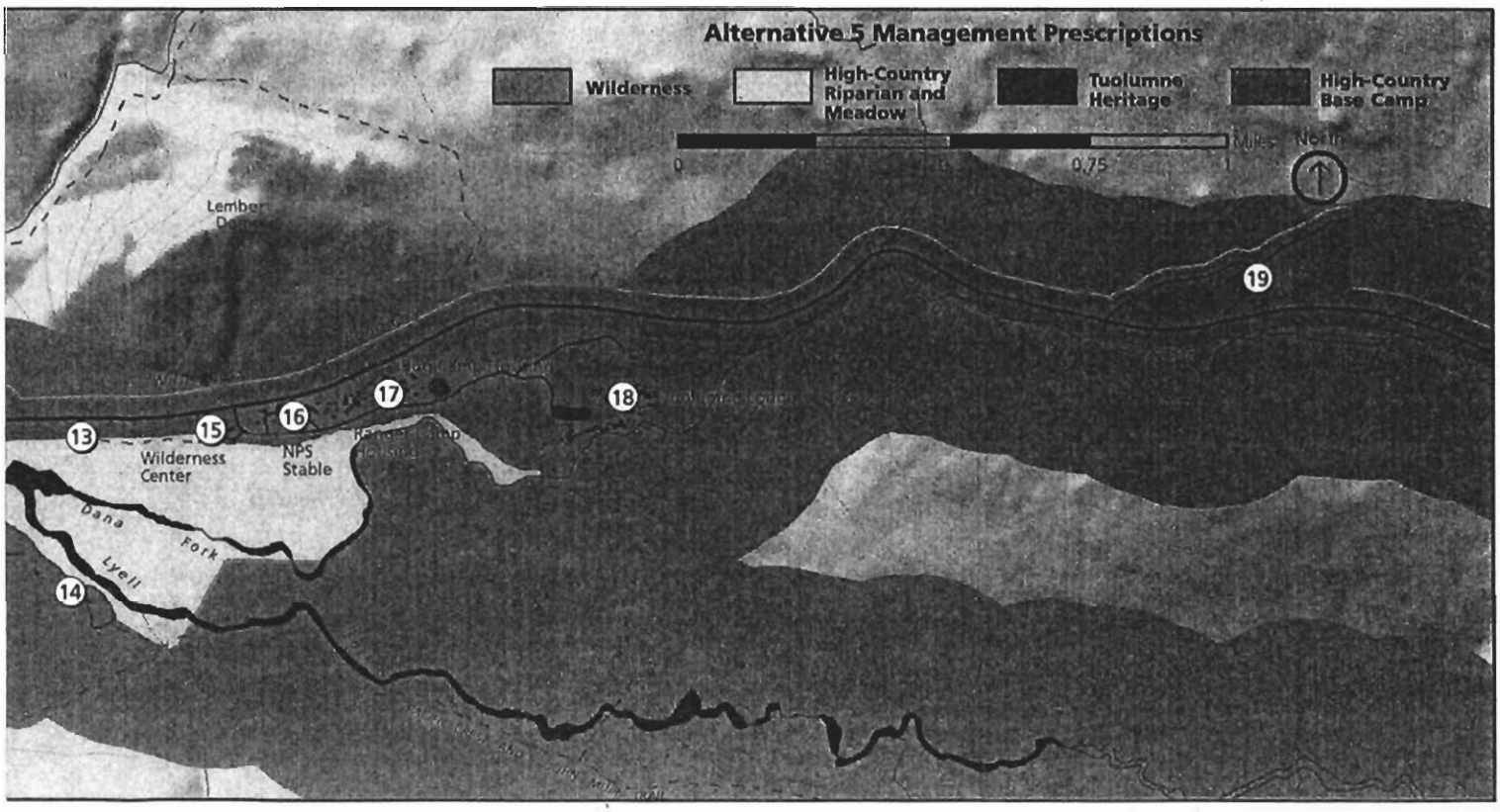

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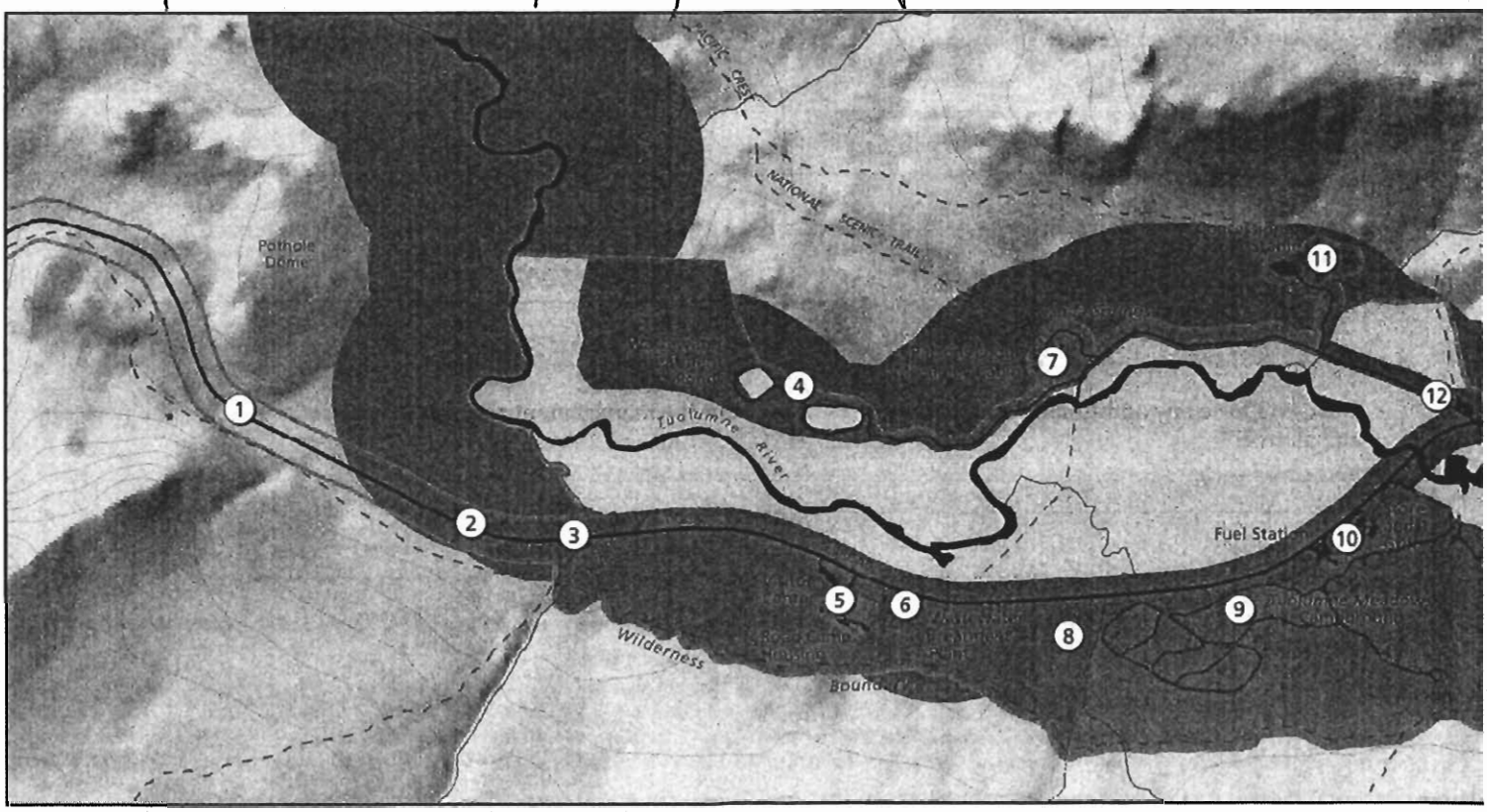
- Retain rustic outpost, surrounded by exemplary wilderness, as primary character.
- Fix parking problems, esp Cathedral Lakes trailhead
- Improve quality of TM campground (reduce or redesign sites, improve infrastructure, restore/rehab green zones between campsites, etc)
- Better address day use - make better use of area #10 to include non-commercial services, particularly the visitor center. Add a picnic area (maybe up where A-loop is?) Move campsites back from the



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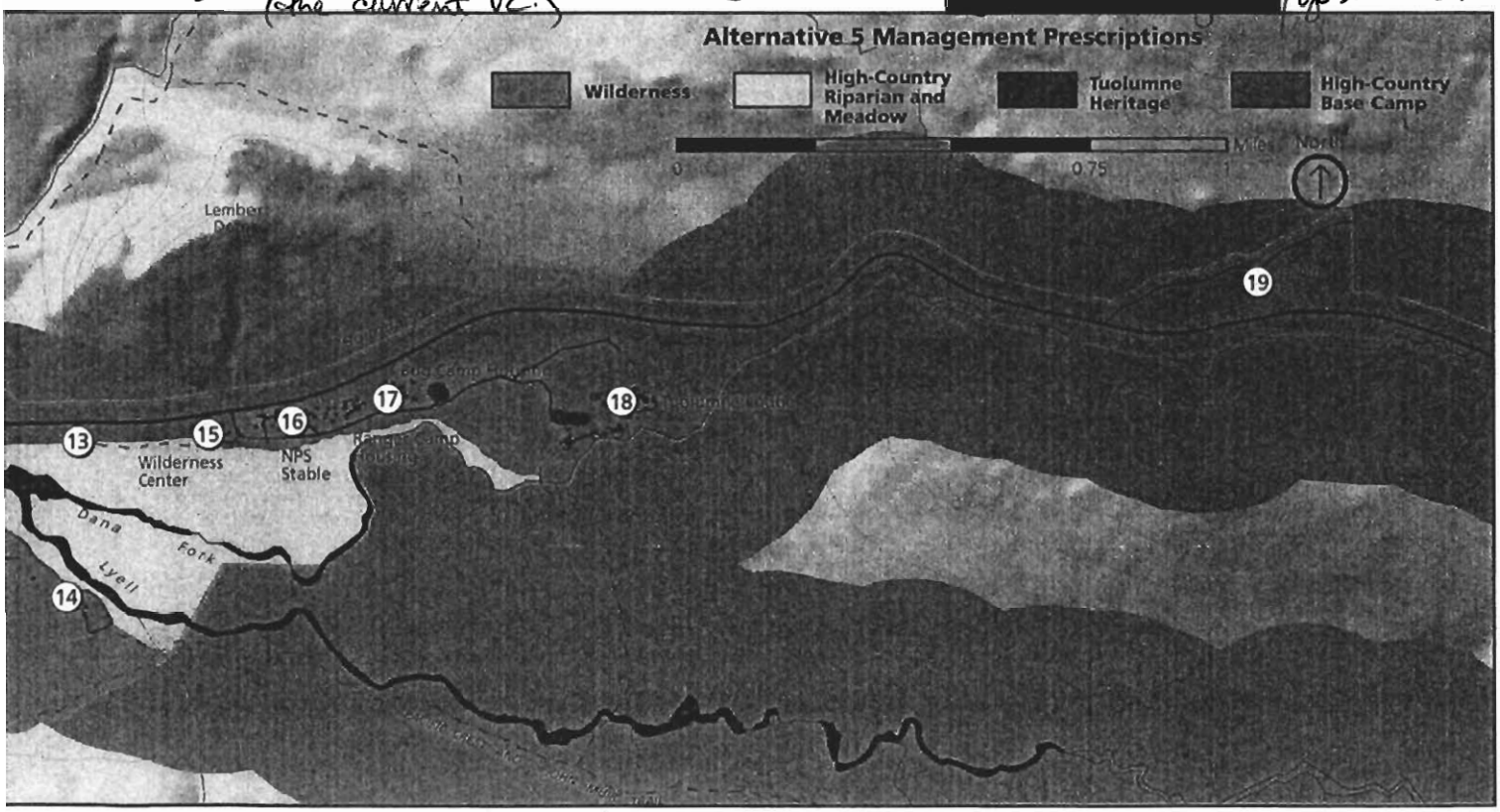
water. ~~[illegible]~~ Mt Shop should take 2nd place to visitor center - Fuel needs to be there, but not in the best spot!!

- Start Cathedral trailhead/parking ~~[illegible]~~ just west of current VC - restore/rehab/close current Cath. trailhead parking.
- Consolidate NPS maintenance maybe at #6 - is there room for some housing there?
- Provide scenic pullouts/remove shoulder parking.
- Provide well maintained trails to connect one end to the other & encourage their use.
- Use current VC building for perhaps some special purpose - ie a tribute to the CCC, or something targeted more purposefully at the ~~[illegible]~~ cultural component - kind of an "in depth" visitor center, where as the one at #10 might be more traditional for scope of topics & wayfinding/area info.

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: [redacted]/Yosemite 95389

Its such a great building. (the current VC!)

- Redesign wilderness center exterior.
- Move lodge housing back from water & cabins
- Assure utility improvements @ Glen Aulin are consistent w/ congressional intent.



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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

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Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

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Keeping the Tuolumne Meadows area accessible to visitors and providing amenities that ensure the fullest experience should be of the ut most importance. I and my family have been to Yosemite many, many times and are infact, a part of the park's history (former park ranger and employees). The last couple years we have spent vacations in the high sierra camps and Tuolumne Meadows has been an integral part of those trips. Without the shoulder parking, the fuel

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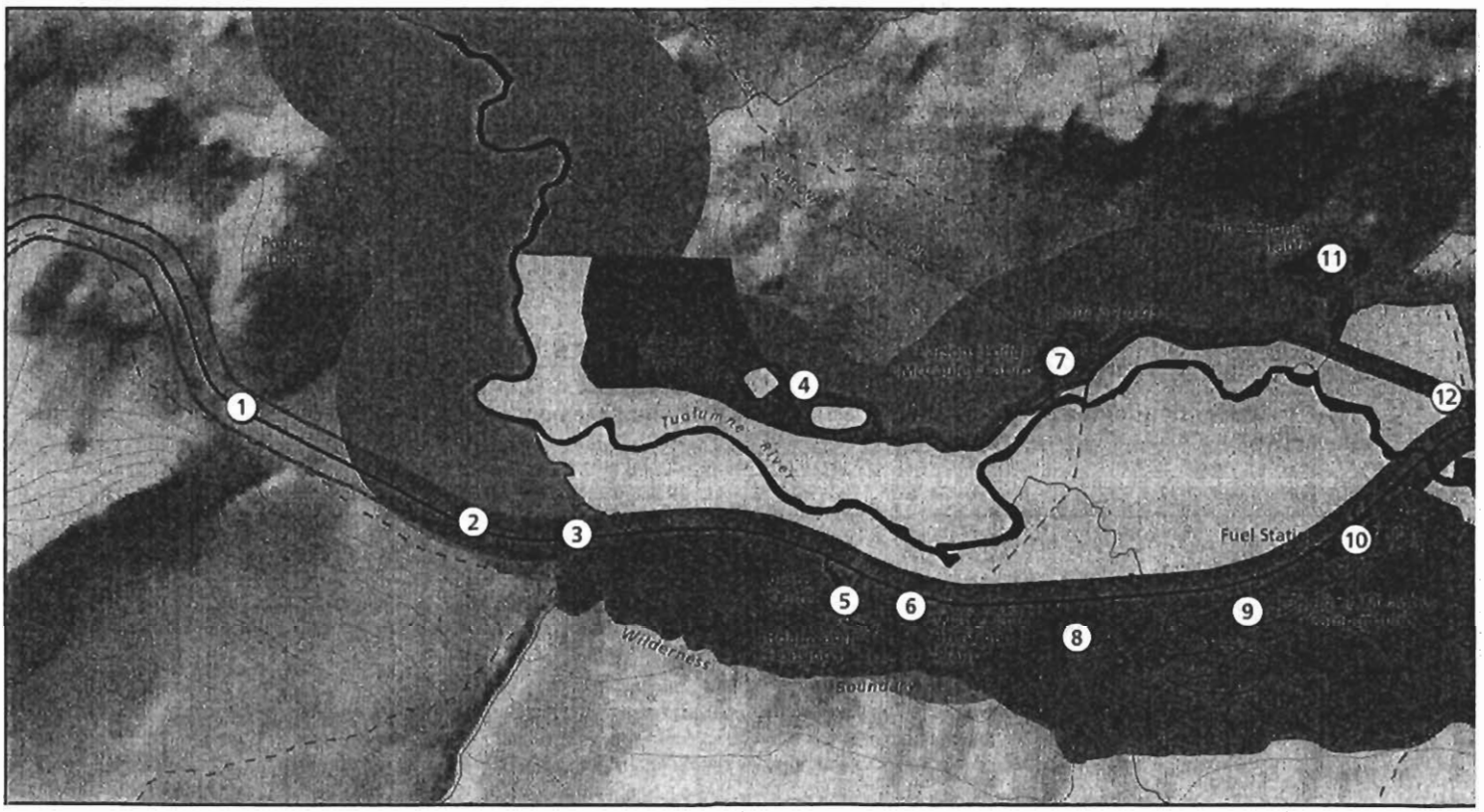

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station, the store and grill we would not have been able to spend as much time exploring the Meadows, Cathedral Lakes, or Lembert Dome. With already limited access I cannot begin to imagine the hassle of repeating these trips if there were even fewer places to stop along Tioga Road. Improvements should be made to the restrooms near Lembert Dome as the massive swarms of flies and insects is revolting.

Yosemite is a gem and I look forward to many years of bringing friends and family to see its beauty, I only hope that it is an up-close experience and not out the window of our car.

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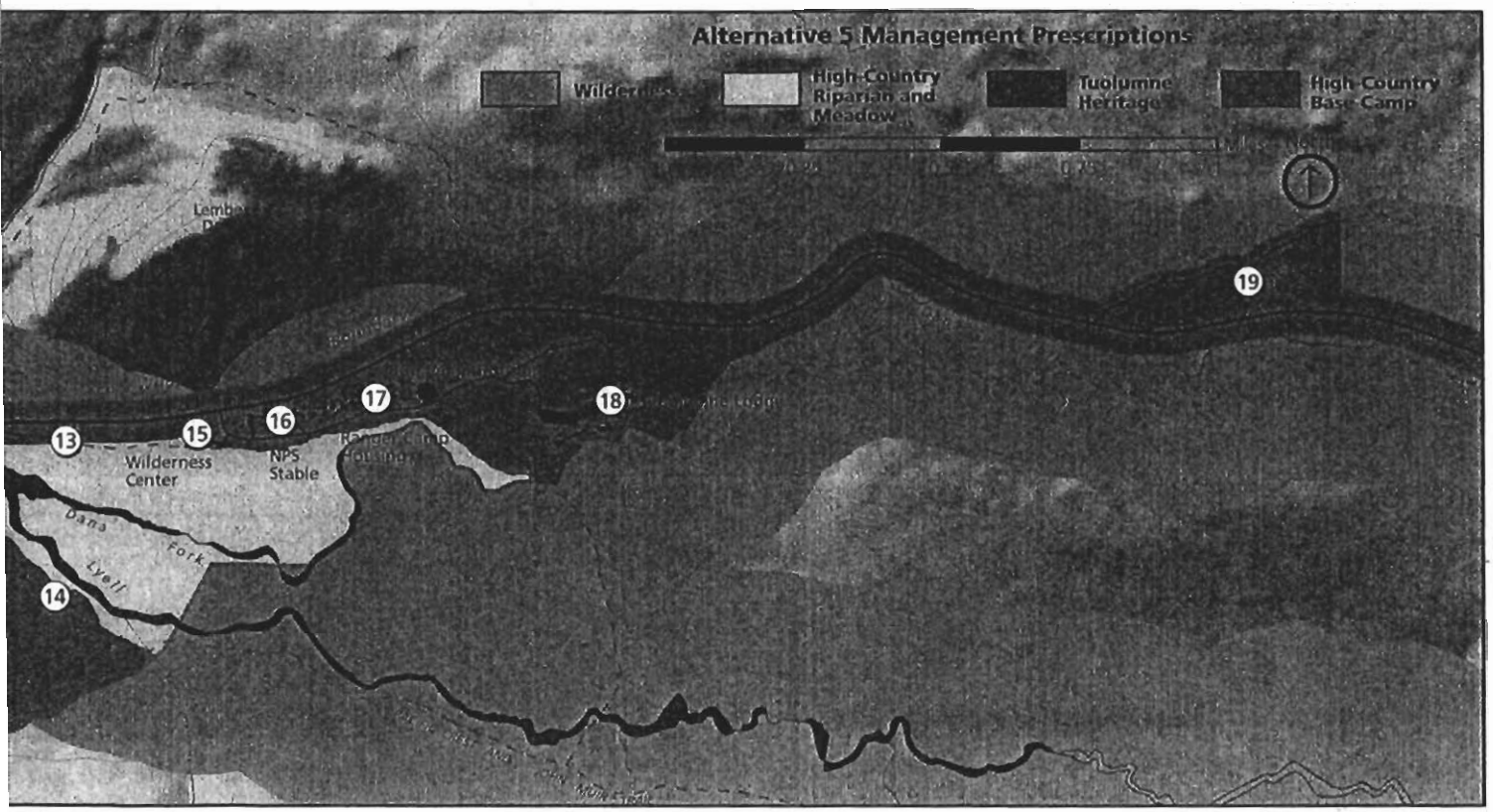

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Remove howing at #10

I like satellite parking & waterless toilet

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#12 Removing parking & picnic area at Lembert Dome

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Upgrade comfort stations in campground - e.g. Low flow toilets. Improve road surface in campground.

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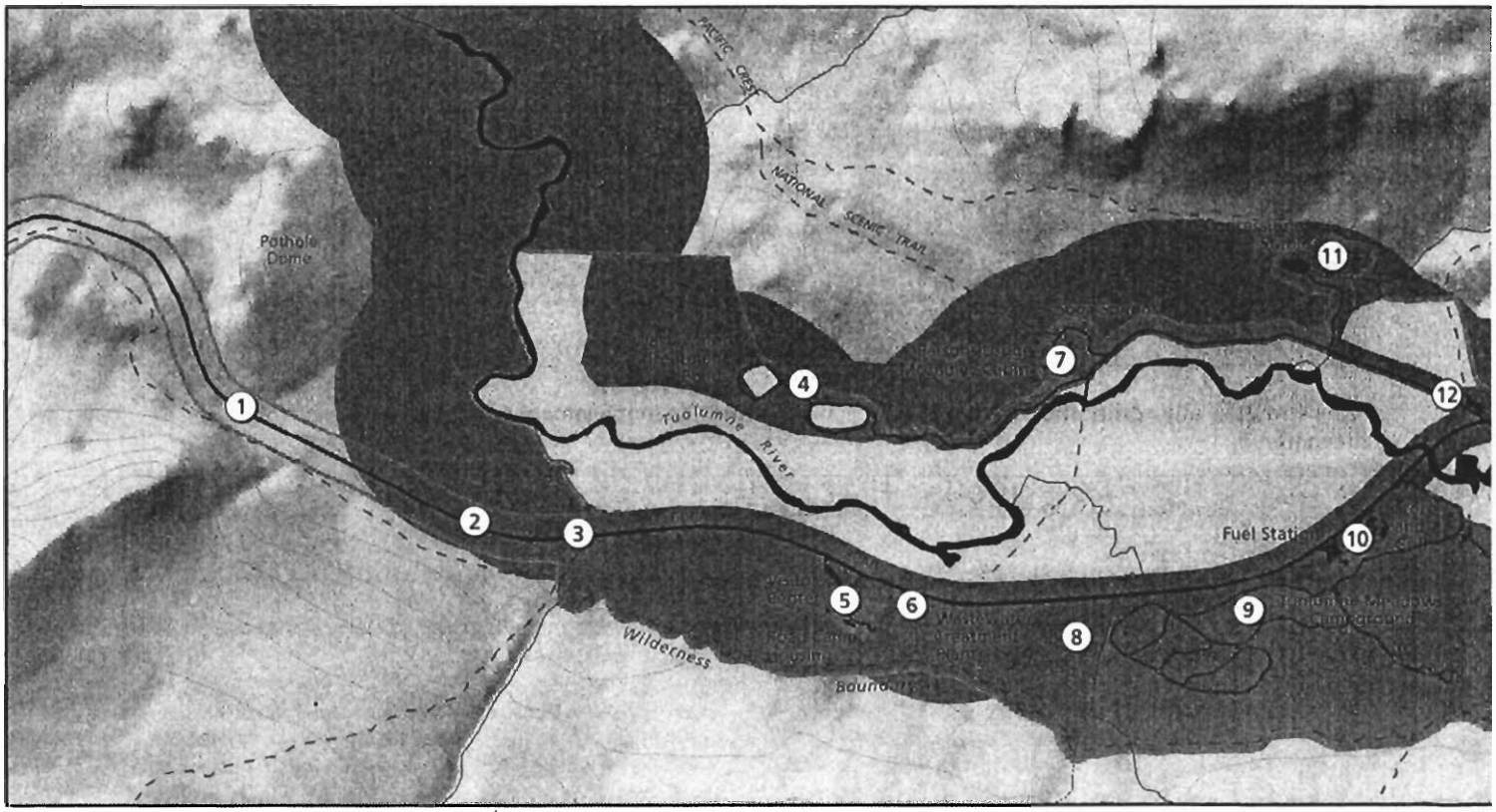
Don't allow dumpsters to idle @ 5 minutes in front of store while driver goes in to get coffee.



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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like consolidating the services (store, visitor center, etc.) but I dont know for sure where the services would be least intrusive. (i.e. - far enough away from the river to minimize pollution and visually least noticed from Lembert Dome & other sites with views of the meadow. I noticed the trash bins were overflowing at the store when I visited. I would minimize packaged goods. Perhaps there are more ecological options - i.e. bulk products, or products chosen based on those produced near Tuolumne and with minimal packaging. Discounts could be given to day users who use their own water bottles, cups & plates, rather than all the paper goods used in the grill (The use of disposable paper, etc. should be minimized, as well as packaging)

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like removing roadside parking on Tioga Rd. You dont mention the shuttle service, but this is important to minimize individual car use. Alt. #3 seems the most similar to what exists now and it doesnt address some of the problems and impacts of day users (i.e. the A loop of the campground and store & grill in its current location).

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like that this protects the subalpine meadow. And visitor experience would be a more primitive experience. I would like to see bike trails included in the primitive experience, as I dont think they would have negative impact to preserving the quality of the meadow. I like redesigning the visitor support services as they need to be addressed to be less impactful on the environment. Any thing you can do to minimize car use is beneficial.

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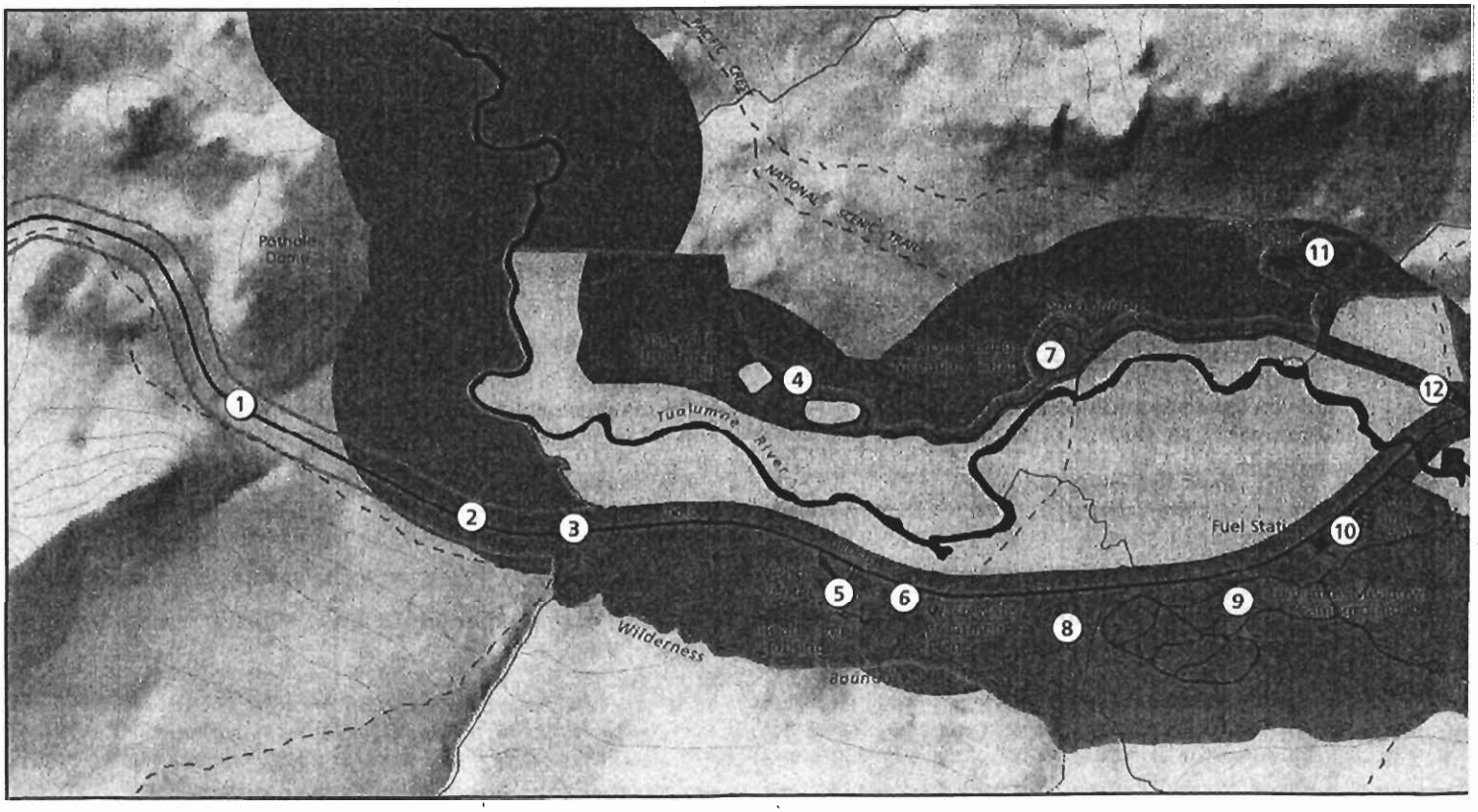
Bike trails would increase the accessability of the meadow, while minimizing negative impact. I enjoyed the campfire presentation & history of Tuolumne meadow walk rangers provided. Maximizing educational experienes would help preserve the meadow and add to the enjoyment of the wilderness experience.

Thank you for considering these suggestions, [redacted]



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relocate A loop of campground (14)

consolodate services & visitor center to (10) or (5)

take away roadside parking on Tioga Rd (keep shuttle service)

improve store's grill to use bulk items & provide dishes that are washed (instead of disposable plates/cups) encourage people to bring their own service (plates/water containers)

increase ranger walks/talks & campfire presentations (no fancy

develop bike/hike trail at edge of meadow (not sure where it would make the most sense - but it should be a flat ride)

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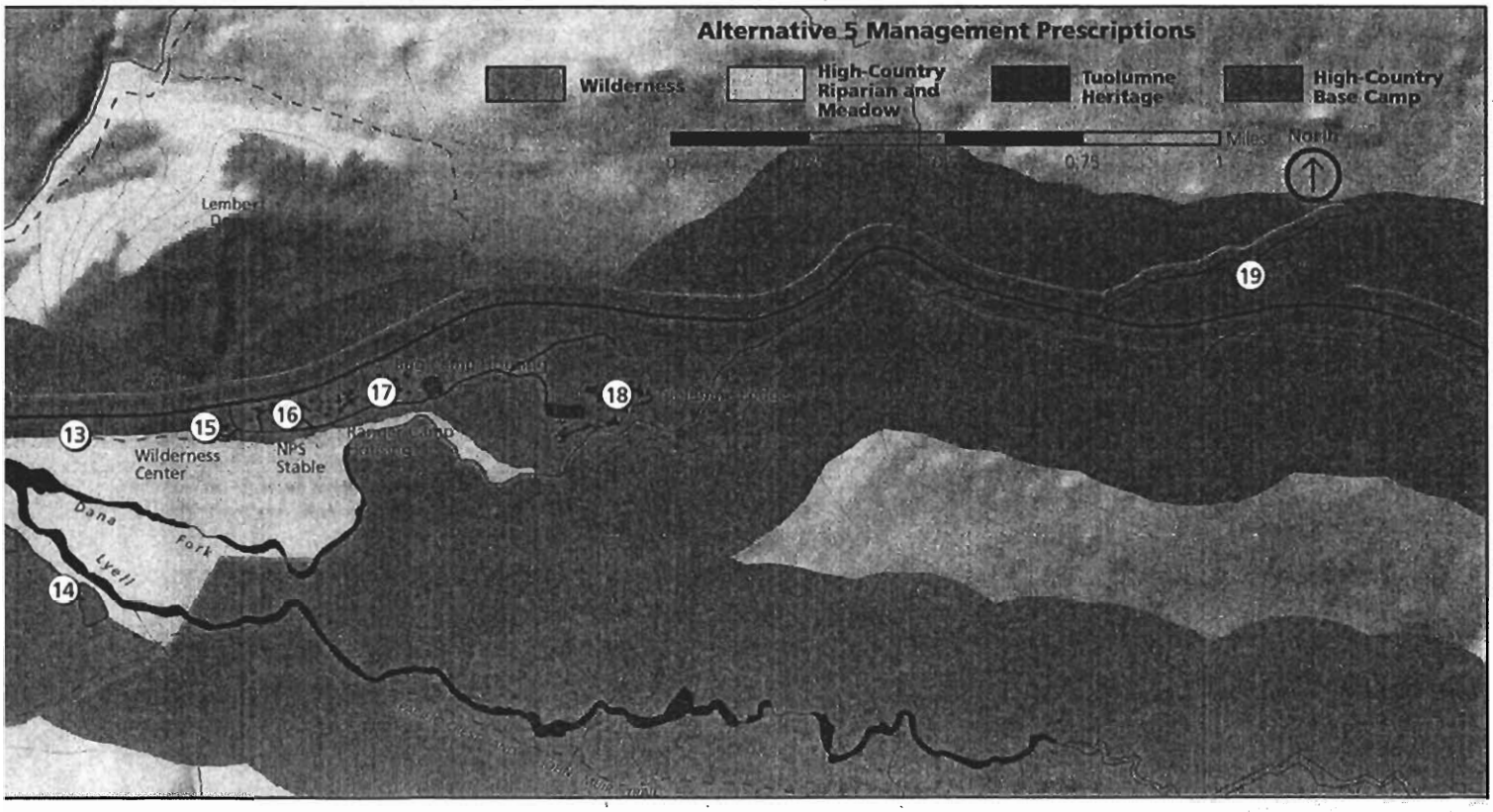

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Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Like proposal to restore and interpret Great Sierra Wagon Road. Like desire to pay attention to historical detail when possible and practical.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Like most of this plan except for elimination of Pothole Dome trailhead formal parking and trail connection and the moving of the Tuolumne Lodge Dining Hall.

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We enjoy this opportunity to share our input on the future of this very special to us place. In the future, we would recommend a more simplified format for soliciting public input!

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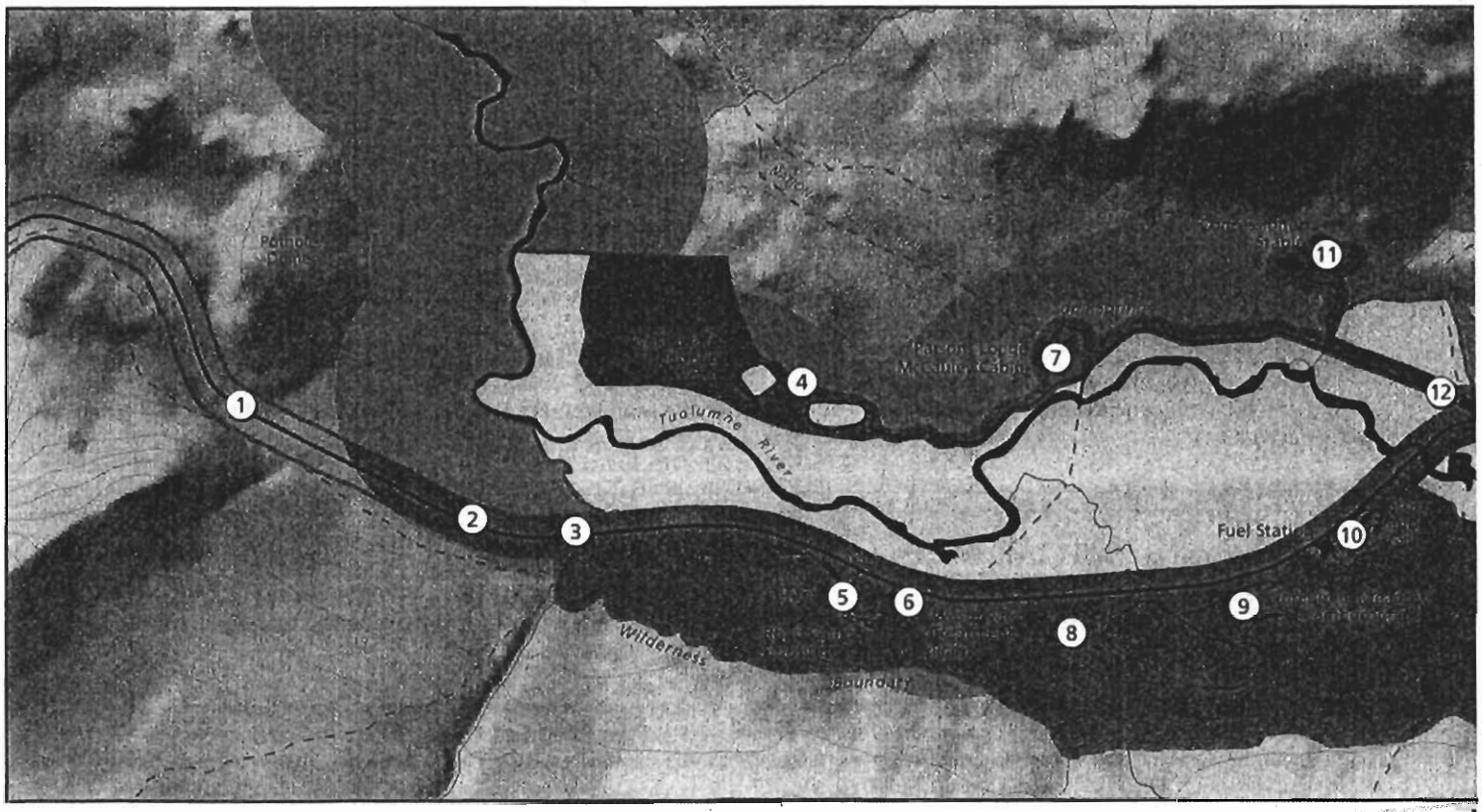
- Preserve Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp
- Retain campground and redesign
- Formalize parking and trails
- Consolidate visitor services while maintaining shuttle system
- Improve or add pathways, and exhibits or signs to support low-impact day use.
- Preserve Parsons Lodge and McCauley Cabin



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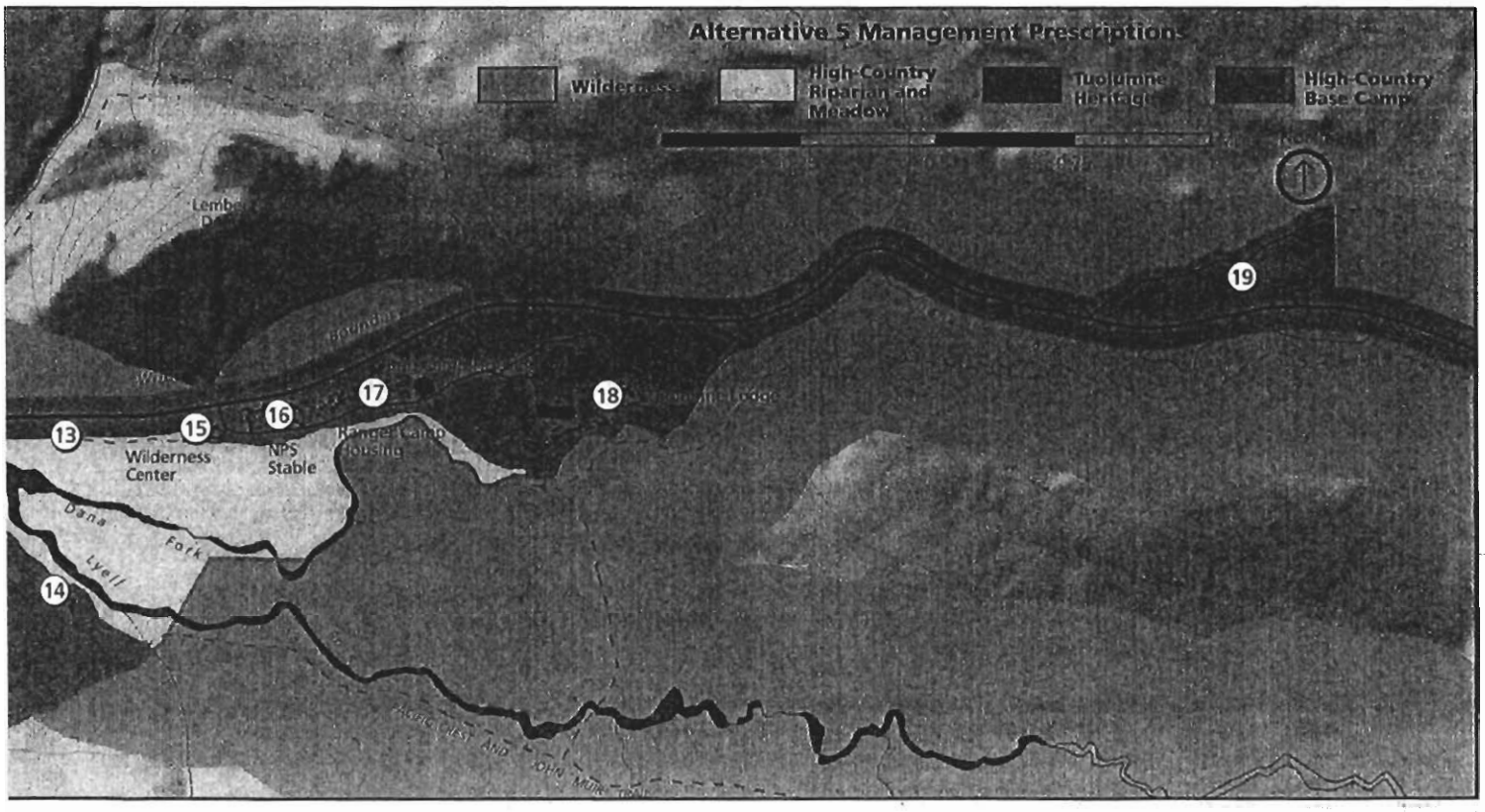
(1) Provide formal parking with trail connection to Pothole Dome.
(2) Remove all Tioga Road shoulder parking and social trails. Provide scenic pullouts. Provide hike/bike trail connecting facilities along Tioga Road and the Great [redacted] Sierra Wagon Road. Keep shuttle stops.
(3) Provide formal parking and trail connections to Cathedral Lakes.
(4) Remove wastewater treatment ponds and access road; restore natural conditions
(5) Relocate visitor center function. Expand housing. Retain maintenance operations
(6) Provide new wastewater treatment facilities near existing treatment plant.
(7) Preserve Parsons Lodge and McCauley Cabin.
(8) No change
(9) Retain campground and redesign, replacing sites eliminated from the A & D loops, improve site delineation and circulation. Consolidate visitor center, store, and grill at current campground D loop. Provide picnic area.
(10) Consolidate ranger station, wilderness center, and mountaineering school.
(11) Consolidate NPS stable and concessioner stable
(12) Remove parking and picnic if adequate shuttle service for day use.
(13) Provide hike/bike trail along Tioga Road and historic Great Sierra Wagon Road
(14) No change
(15) Relocate Ranger Station and Wilderness Center
(16) Relocate NPS Stable.
(17) Consolidate concessioner housing at Ranger Camp Expand Dog Lake/MT parking
(18) Retain Tuolumne Lodge remove housing away from river.
(19) Retain emergency operations, including helipad.

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code [redacted] Livermore, CA 94550



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MAINTAINS EXTENSIVE USE WHILE LIMITING IMPACTS—
CONSOLIDATION (E.G. STABLES) = GOOD COMMON SENSE

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I PREFER ADD'L CONSOLIDATION + TIGHTER
(SMALLER) FOOTPRINT OF ALT. #4

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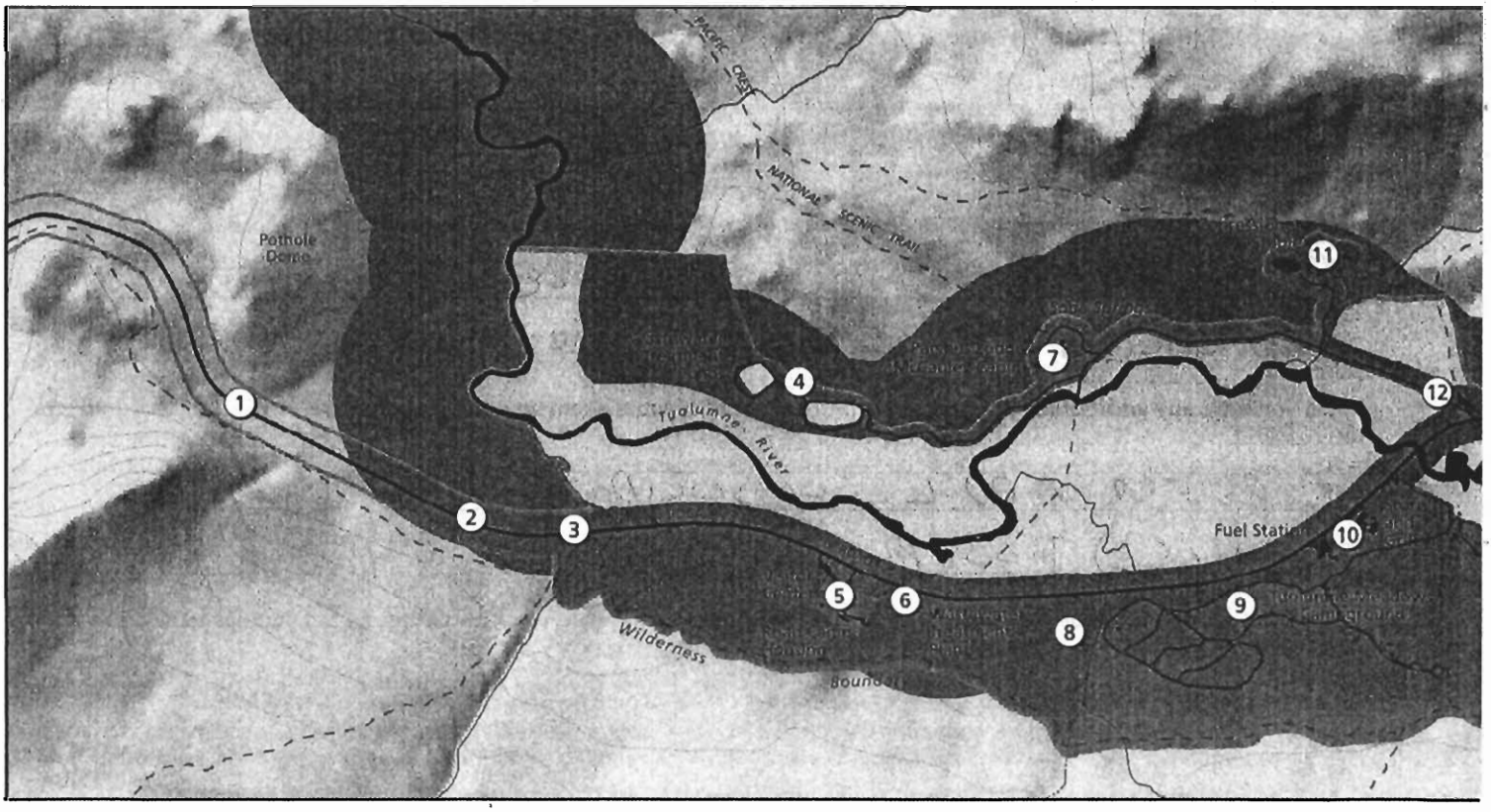
SEE PREVIOUS ~ I FIND ALT. #4 TO BE THE STRONGEST PLAN.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- CONSOLIDATE HUMAN FOOTPRINT
- (REASONABLY) MAINTAIN SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF TRADITIONAL ACCESS + USE



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Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Overall I like this plan, but I dislike the removal of parking east of Pothole Dome, and I think there should be parking at the Cathedral Lakes trailhead

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Each of the proposed zones for the river corridor seems too extreme. Visitor access, cultural landscape values and the riparian habitat are all important. There should be balance; not one to the exclusion of another.

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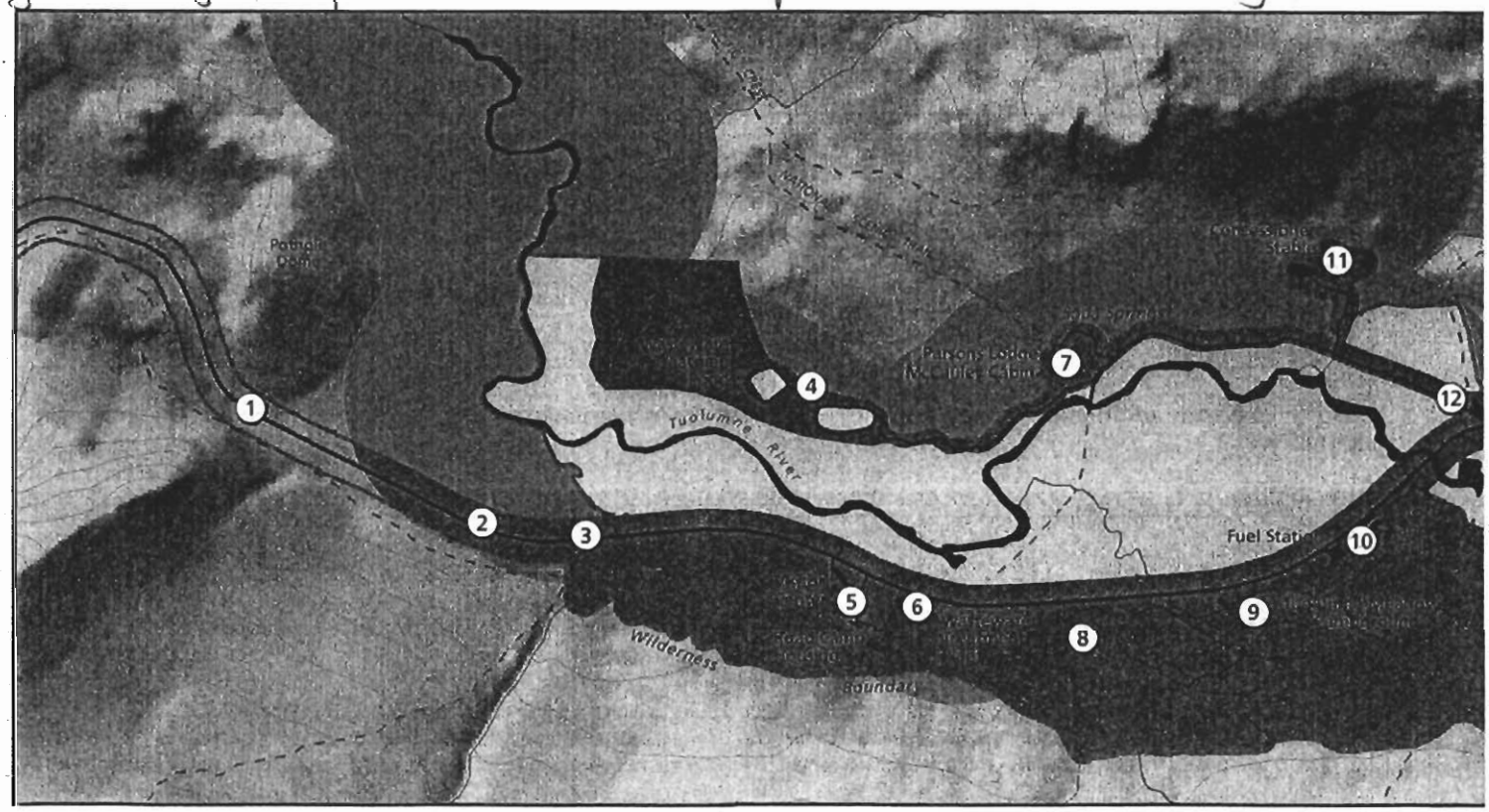

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① Provide formal parking with trail connection to Pothole Dome ③ Provide formal trailhead parking ⑤ Expand parking to provide overflow for Cathedral Lks and Parsons Lodge and formalize trail connection to Parson's Lodge ⑧ Provide formal parking for Parson's Lodge and Glen Aulin trailhead and formalize trail to Parsons Lodge ⑫ Retain parking & picnic area, redesign comfort station & better identify trail ⑭ Retain A loop ⑰ Redo and expand Dog Lk/MT parking ⑱ Retain Tuolumne Lodge

Manage the lodgepole pines to protect the cultural landscape.

Add formal parking near the campground entrance. Add public showers. It is often difficult to find parking in Tuolumne. A lot more formal parking is needed if you are going to remove or alleviate the shoulder parking. Parking needs to be conveniently located at popular trailheads → Pothole Dome, Cathedral Lks, Lembert Dome, and you need a parking lot for Parson's Lodge and Glen Aulin overnight use.

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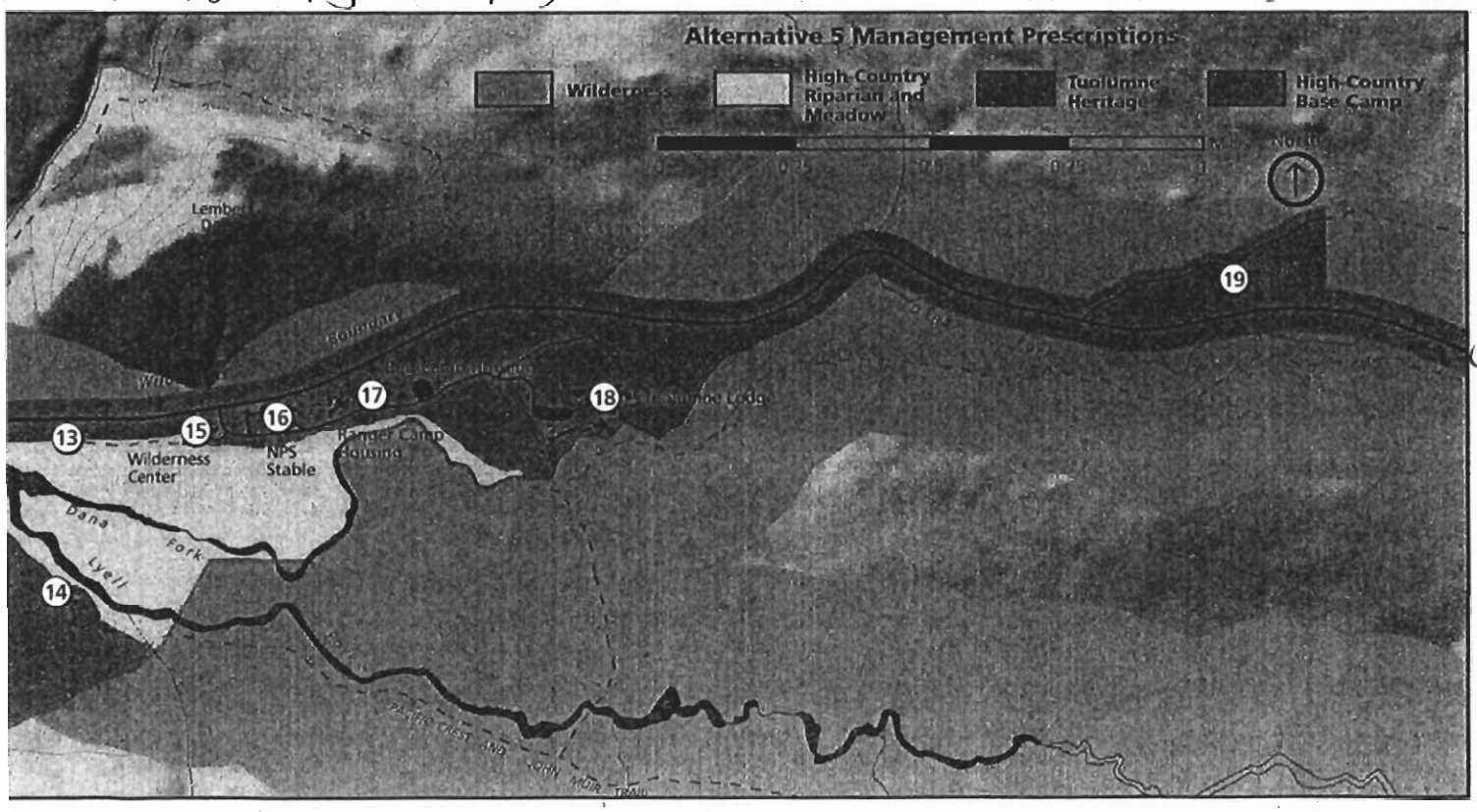
all and is not being destroyed, then the visitor should be allowed to use the social trail to walk along the river.



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Not visitor friendly

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

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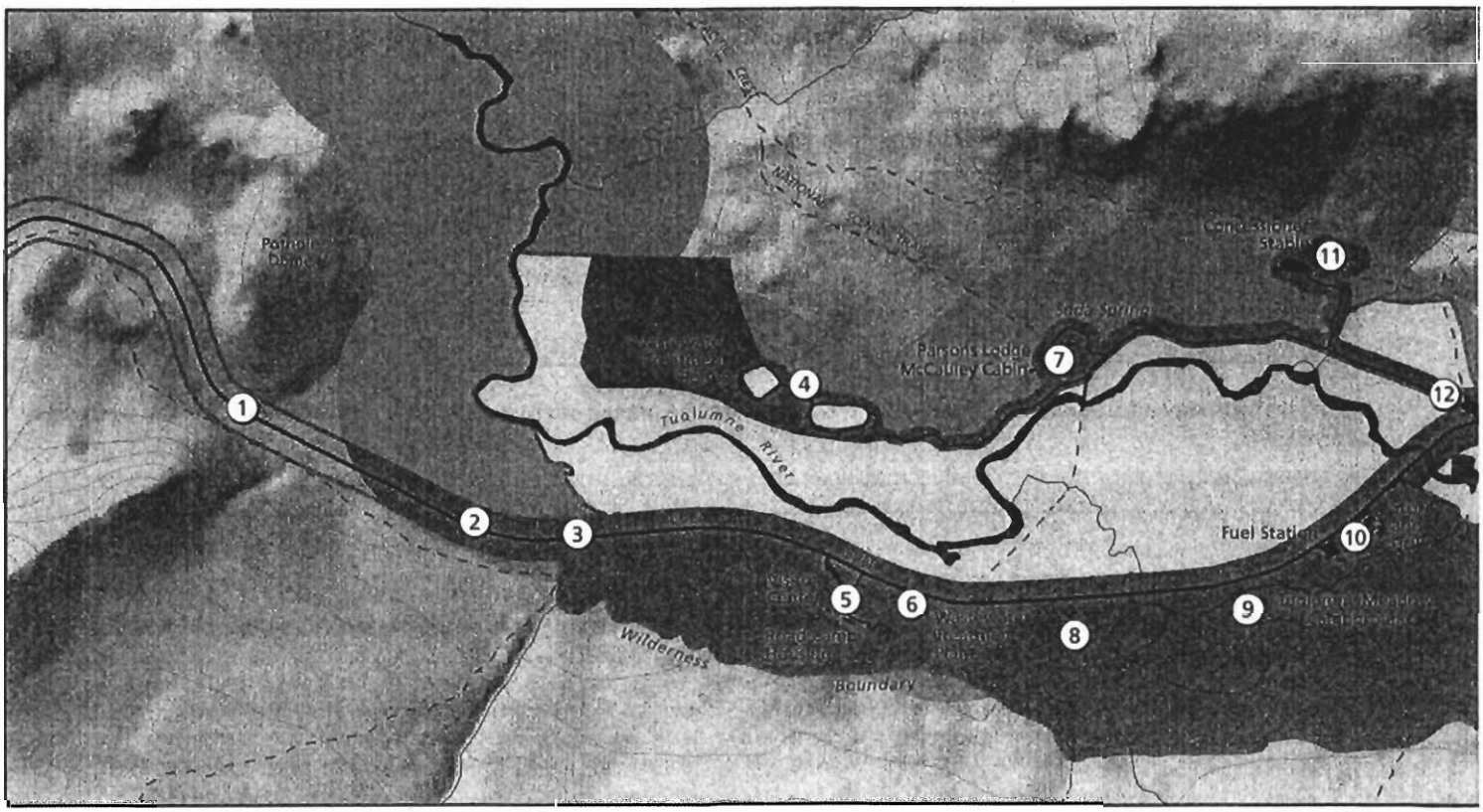
Combine Store, Grill, Visitor Center

5+10 Visitor Center is in an odd location + not disabled friendly

3 Vehicles off road. Cathedral Lakes parking either at same location but off road or at Visitor Center lot

19 Keep employee housing near work areas not at Gaylor Pit

Do everything possible to be visitor friendly



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Visitors are becoming less + less familiar with the outdoors, much less wilderness. Tuolumne provides a friendly way to enter wilderness, even if only for a few hours.

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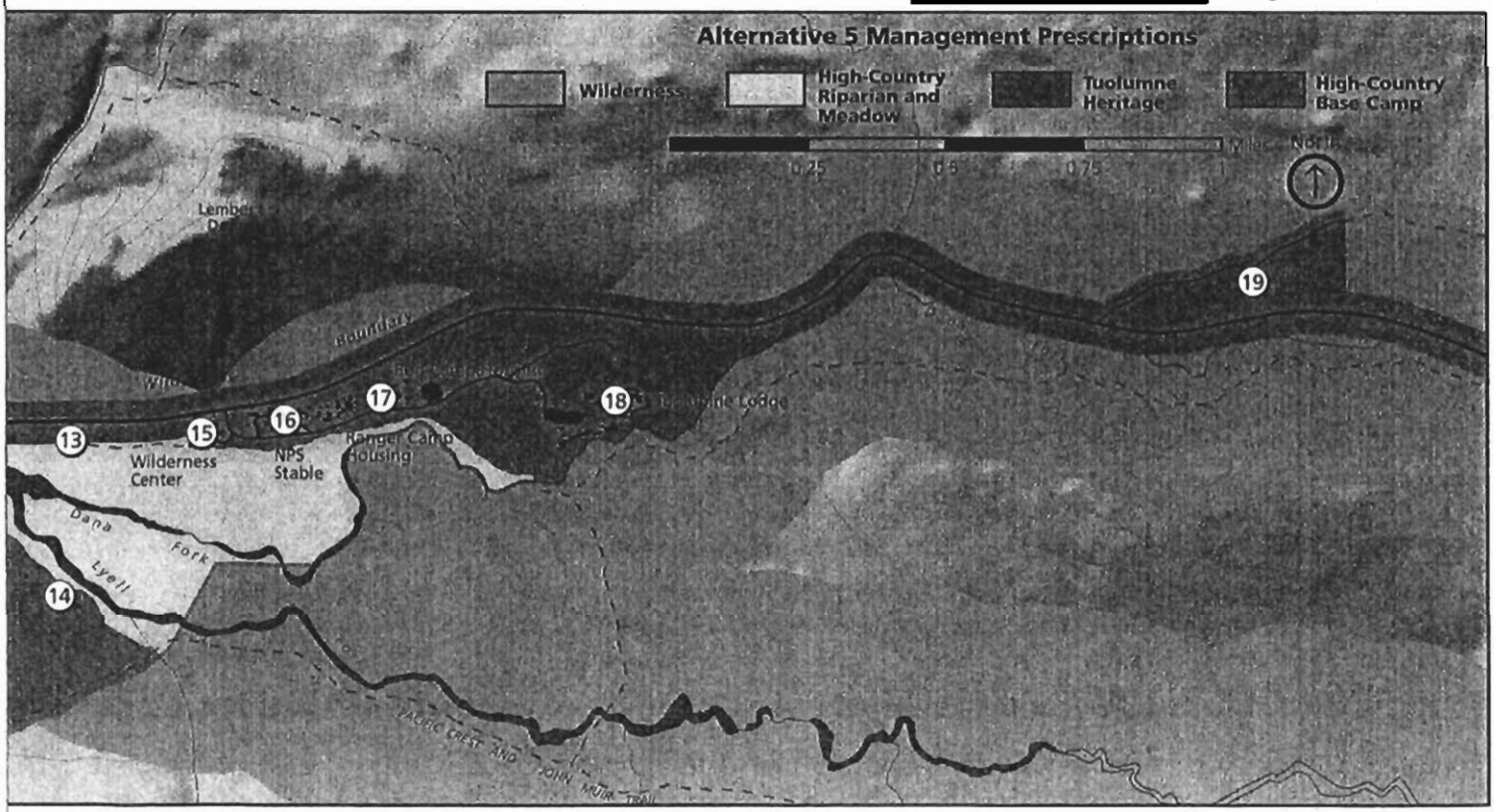

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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? (3) D

(18) D like the plan to remove all Tioga Road shoulder parking and social trails do not like the plan to remove tent cabins from Tuolumne Lodge

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? (18) D like the plan to retain Tuolumne Lodge; D suppose moving some of the housing away from the river is beneficial

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? (18) D do not like the plan to remove the dining hall or changing its location.

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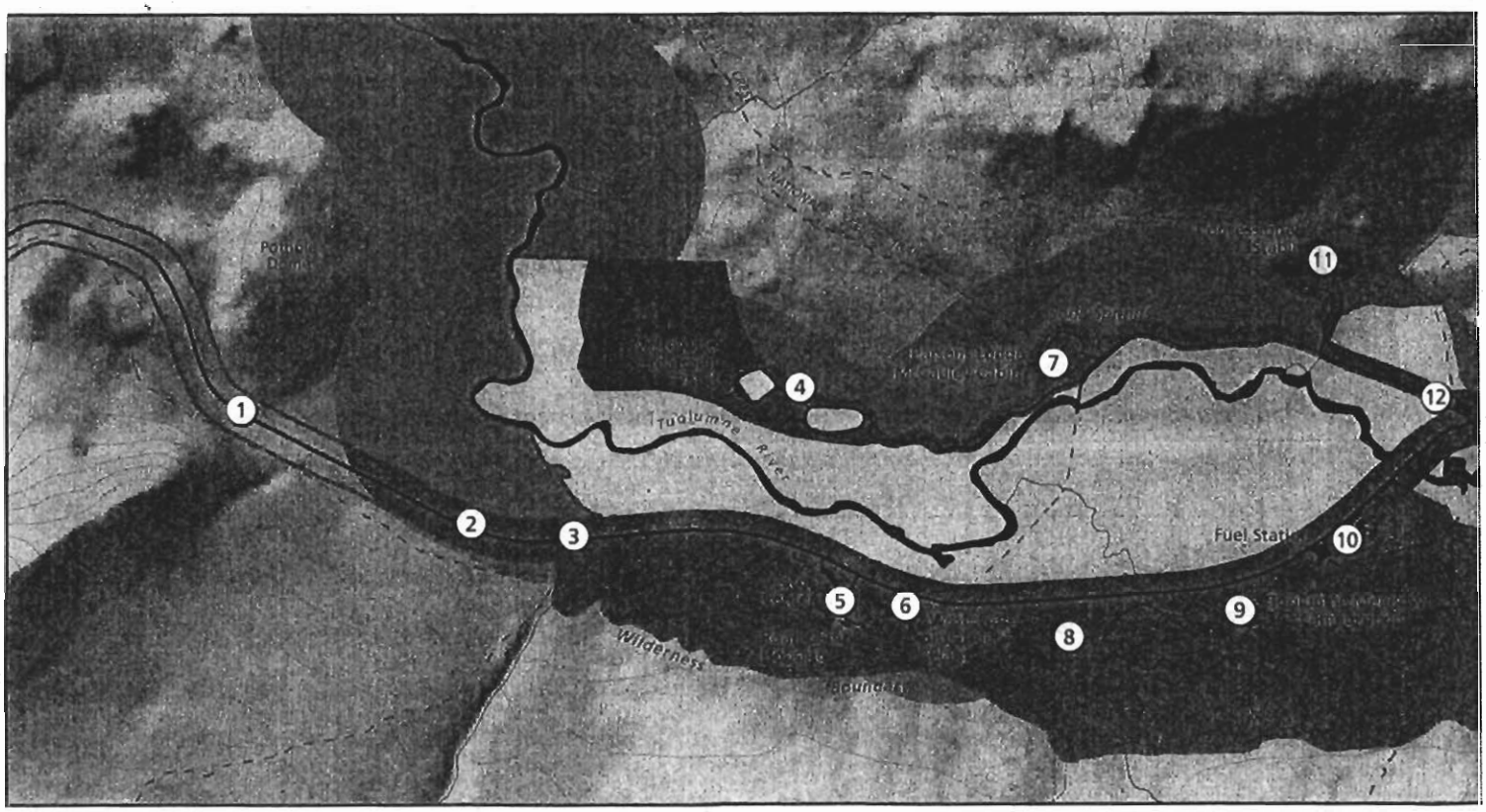
Preserve & Sustain the wilderness ō minimal trammeling but have some trails & housing/camping so one can {enjoy experience} this wilderness while respecting the wilderness. It is very important to me to protect the meadow, the river & riparian habitats but at the same time I enjoy being able to stay in the lodging at TML



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18. No change except the possible removal of some housing close to the river.

(1) Remove formal parking with trail connection to Pothole Dome (2) Remove all Tioga Rd. shoulder parking and social trails

(3) Preserve Parsons Lodge + McCauley Cabin

Keep store + grill, fuel station + picnic area

Mountaineering school?

I don't understand the logic-rationale in relocating ranger stations, wilderness centers. Where would these be moved to

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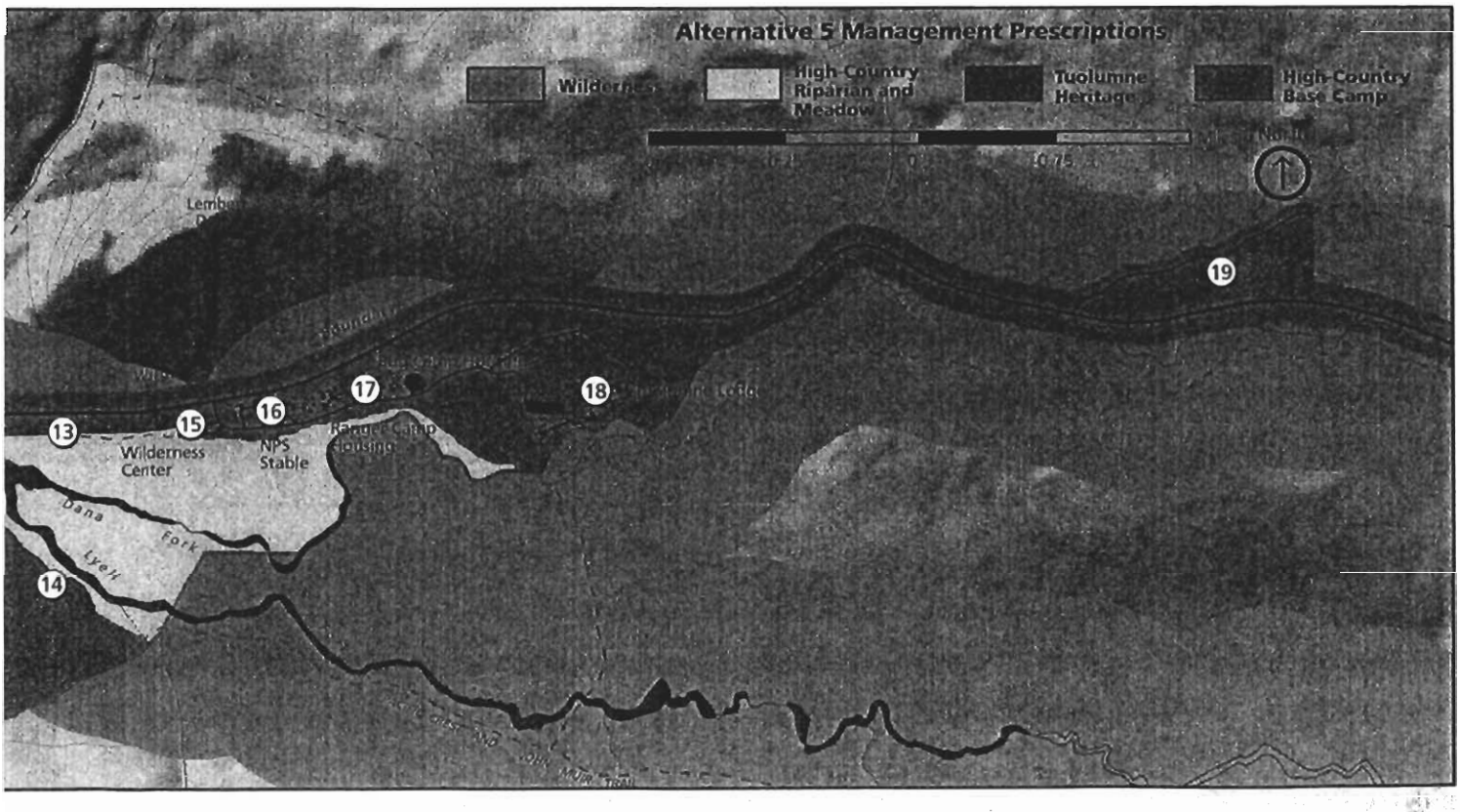

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September 18, 2008

Yosemite Planning
yose_planning@nps.gov

Re:Tuolumne Planning

Thank you for sending the workbook and allowing me time to read it and make a response.

I think that most would agree that the whole of Yosemite must be managed, protected, and preserved for the use and enjoyment of all who desire it. However, the keys words are USE and ALL.

The configuration of use patterns for Tuolumne Meadow and River was formed over time by those who came there and used it in ways enjoyable to each of them.

Alternative 2 achieves a balance between protecting, preserving, and improving existing proven preferences for the future use of ALL.

I understand that Alternative 5 would be the 'preferred' alternative by the special interests that it addresses. However, it is the 3+ million individuals that visit Yosemite as often as possible for renewal and relaxation, inspiration and enjoyment that most likely will not weigh in with an opinion. However, their preferences can be seen in the existing use patterns.

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Chino Hills, CA 91709-3807

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- retain Glen Aulen - new sewage plan
- consolidate employee housing away from the river
- retain Tuolumne Lodge + tents

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

- relocate loop A sites to minimize campground size
- consolidate visitor services both to manage efficiency and to make visitor + wilderness centers more accessible to people

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

- relocate concession employee dorm cabins
- No Tioga Rd. shoulder parking
- ~~Remove~~ picnic tables at Lembert Dome transfer to new services center mentioned above

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? river

- Do not relocate Tuolumne Lodge Dining Hall away from ~~the~~ the historic look
- combine all visitor services in a new + historic-

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The preferred alternative has no specificity, so there is no response.

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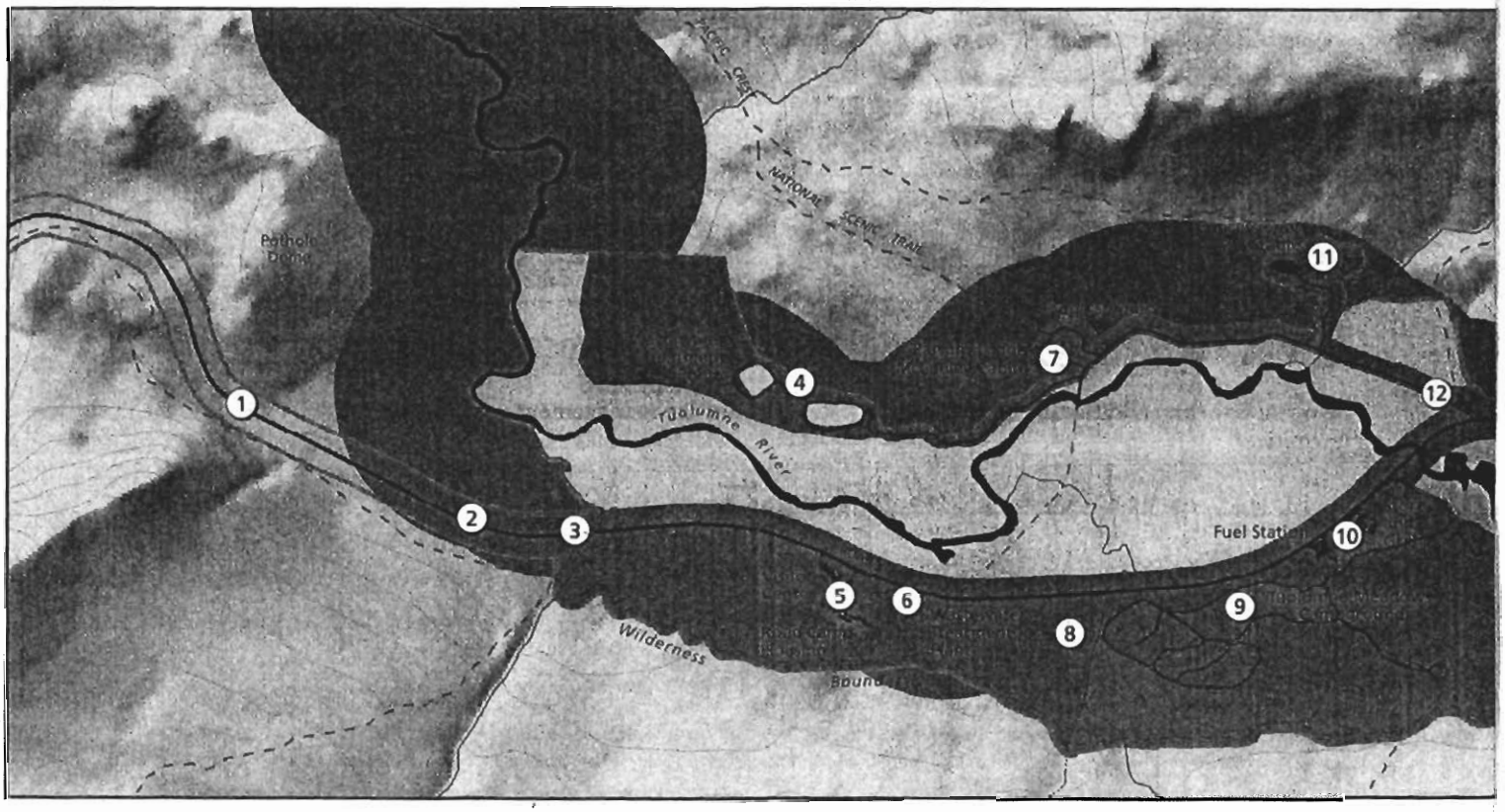
1. - retain Tuolumne lodge & tent area and keep dining hall along the river;
2. - retain Glen Aulin, but install new sewage system;
3. - relocate concessioner employee housing away from the river & to a less conspicuous area; (Tuolumne Lodge area)
4. - ~~consolidate~~ consolidate visitor services (wilderness center, store, visitor center) to be more accessible to families, limit congestion in the Meadows & create a structure visually appropriate to the meadow
5. - no shoulder parking along Tioga Rd.;
6. - relocate loop A in campground to minize impact
7. - remove picnic tables at Lamberts Dome



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2. Remove all Tioga Rd. shoulder parking

5. Relocate visitor center + combine ⑤ wilderness center + store

9. Remove campground loop A to less conspicuous setting

18. Retain Tuolumne lodge + dining hall at same site along the river

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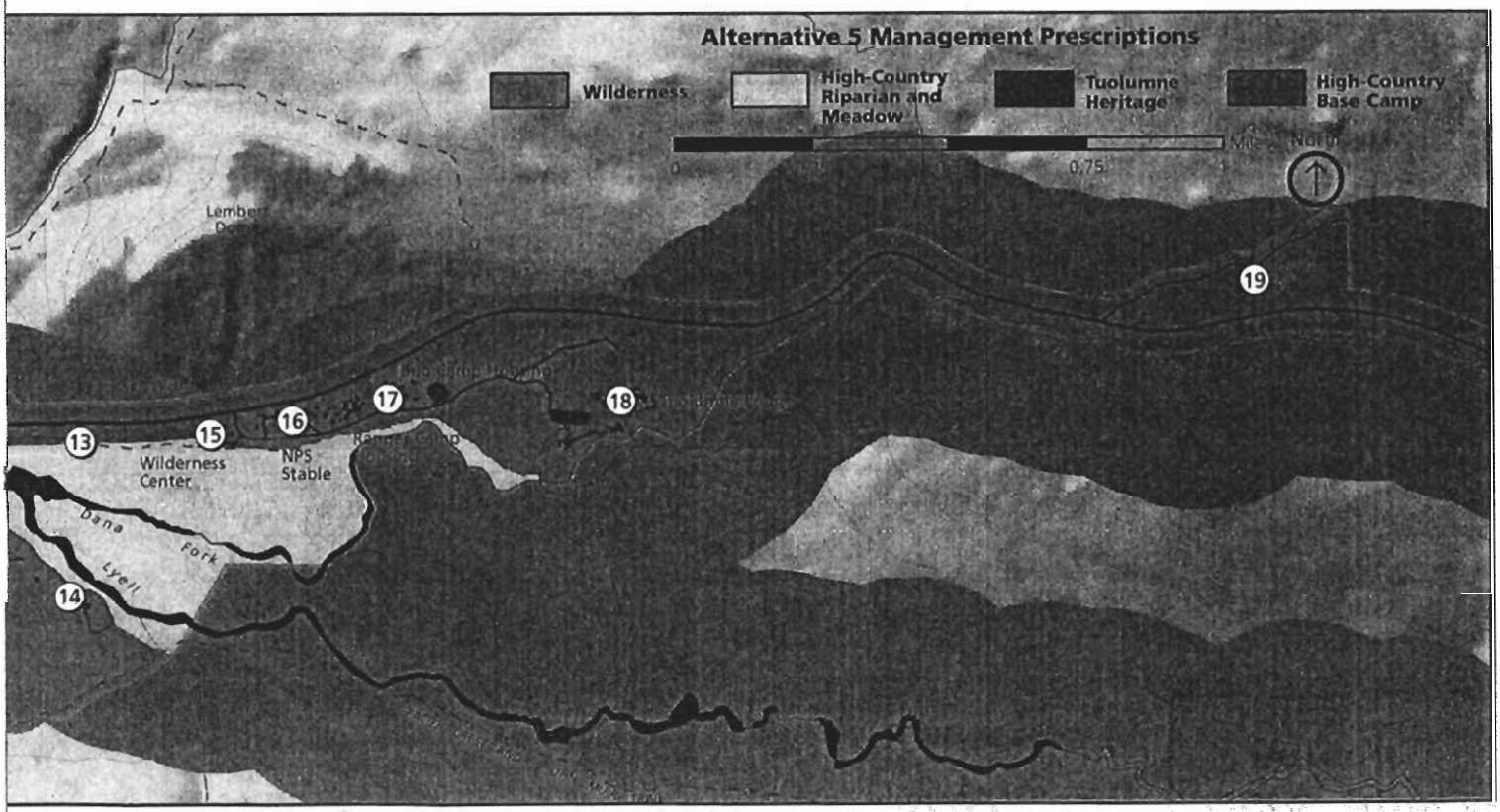

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This is the best ~~opt~~ alternative. It provides the best environmental protection of all options, Parsons Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Indian Sites/traditions should be preserved

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

This is my least favorite of the options - I am opposed to this alternative. It will make Tuolumne Meadows like the valley where the priority is making money by providing amenities at the expense of the environment

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

This is a bad plan. What this does is preserve amenities (Hotel, food, ~~horse~~ horseback ridding, ~~at the~~ High Sierra Camp at the expense of the environment

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

This option ~~is~~ alternative is preserved to alternative #2/3 however I prefer alternative #1

2. Do you have any additional comments or questions about the management zoning alternatives, including the preferred alternative?

I support removing the lodge, removing Glen Aulin, Removing as much stock/horse trafic as possible - they crap on the trails and there is no clean-up - ~~At Campsites~~ The number of campsites should be preserved - No Reservations

3. Please don't overlook the opportunity to develop your own site plan concept for the preferred management zoning alternative inside this folded sheet. No kayaking

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Preserved under alternative #1

Indian heritage is

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Removing horse & stock travel - the trail is always covered with stinky animal dung. ~~Remov.~~ ~~He~~ No commercial or private stock trips or ridding trips

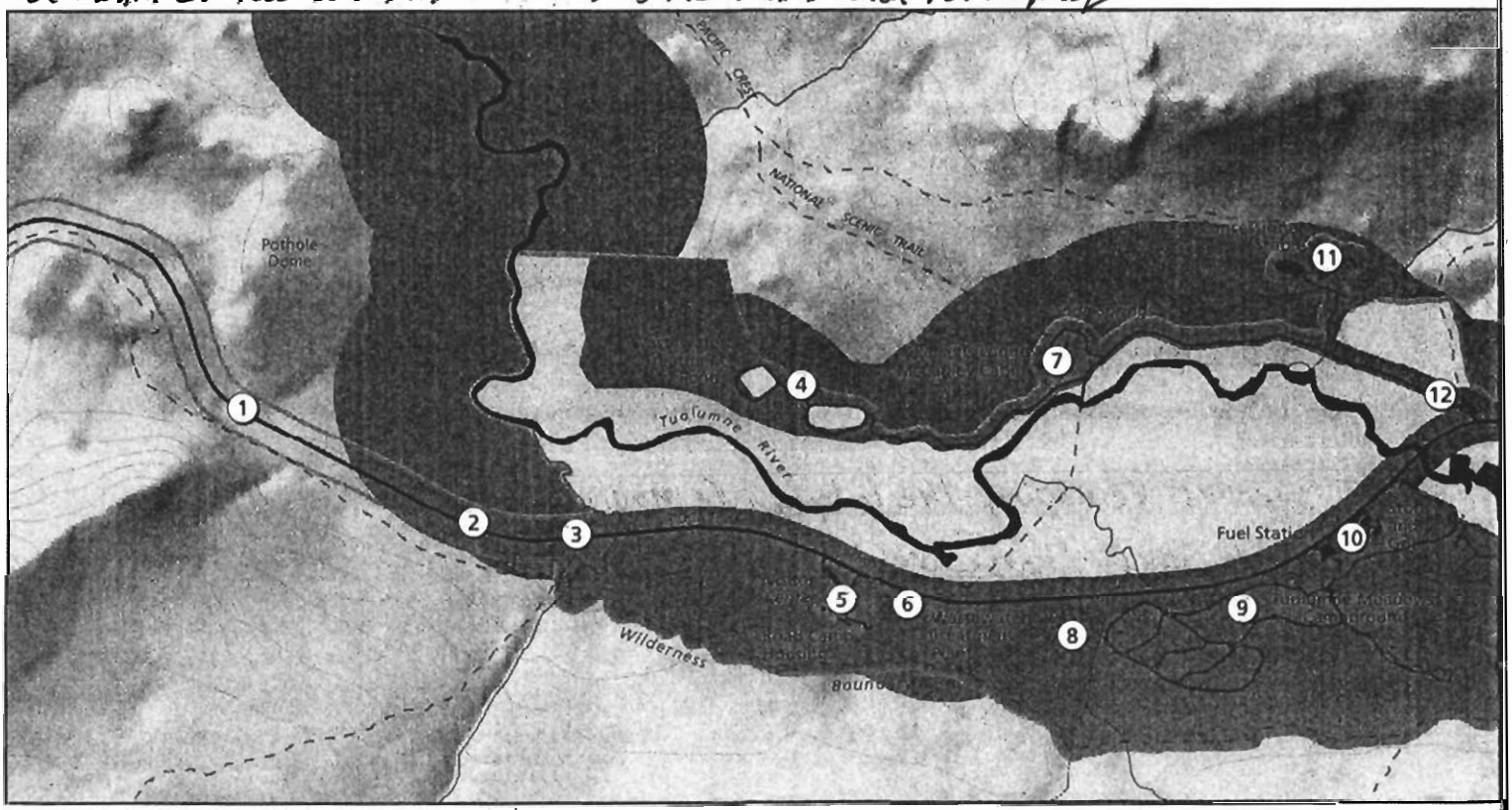
Remove Glen Aulin, Remove the lodge -

Maintain / Increase campground capacity no reservations

Add CAMP 4 style camping -

Preserve Parsons Lodge, McCauley Cabin, Indian sites & Traditions, ~~Give~~ Allow Indians tribes display space at the visitor center

Fix waste water system - Manage as much land as possible as wilderness. No kayaking - this would only last a month or two and make a mess of the banks when portaging -



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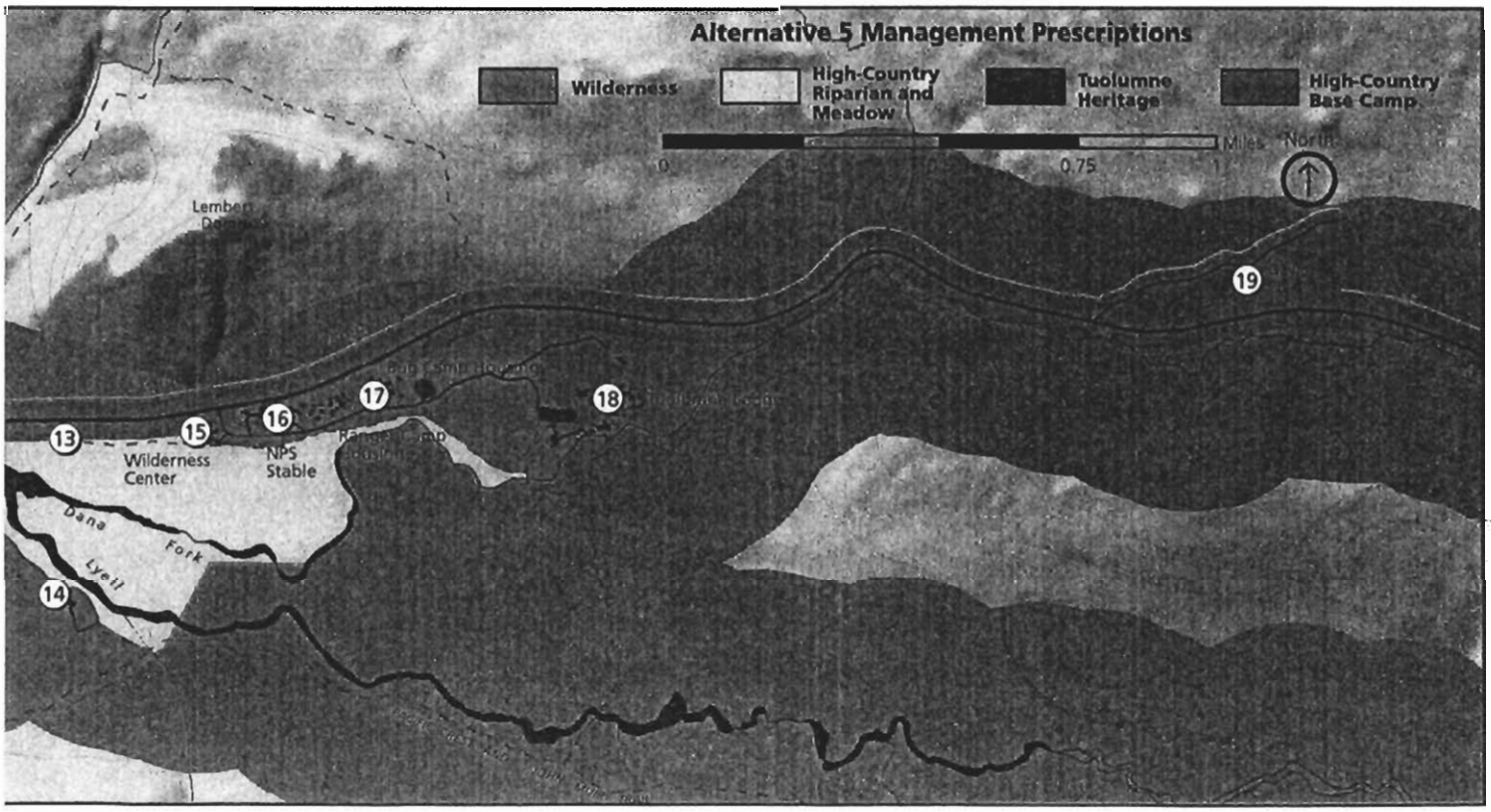
Feeding the bears, the fire falls, Glacier Point lodge were all history & traditions that came at the expense of the environment and were stopped - Glen Aulin, the lodge, horse back ridding / stock trips should also be stopped!!!

Don't make Tuolumne Meadows like Yosemite Valley - A way for Tour operators, and the park service, and concessionair to make money at the expense of the environment.

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: 91011



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I like The significant Reduction of visitors and removal of Concessions - self Reliant campers for the most part are more respectful of the environment.

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Do not like, Already the Area is over impacted, Do not need an increase of visitors

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

So-So, I like #1 better, Does not seem to be a significant change from current operation, which I feel is over impacting the Area.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Does not significantly change the human footprint, over impact that is currently occurring.

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Please reduce visitor Access, and decrease overall impact.

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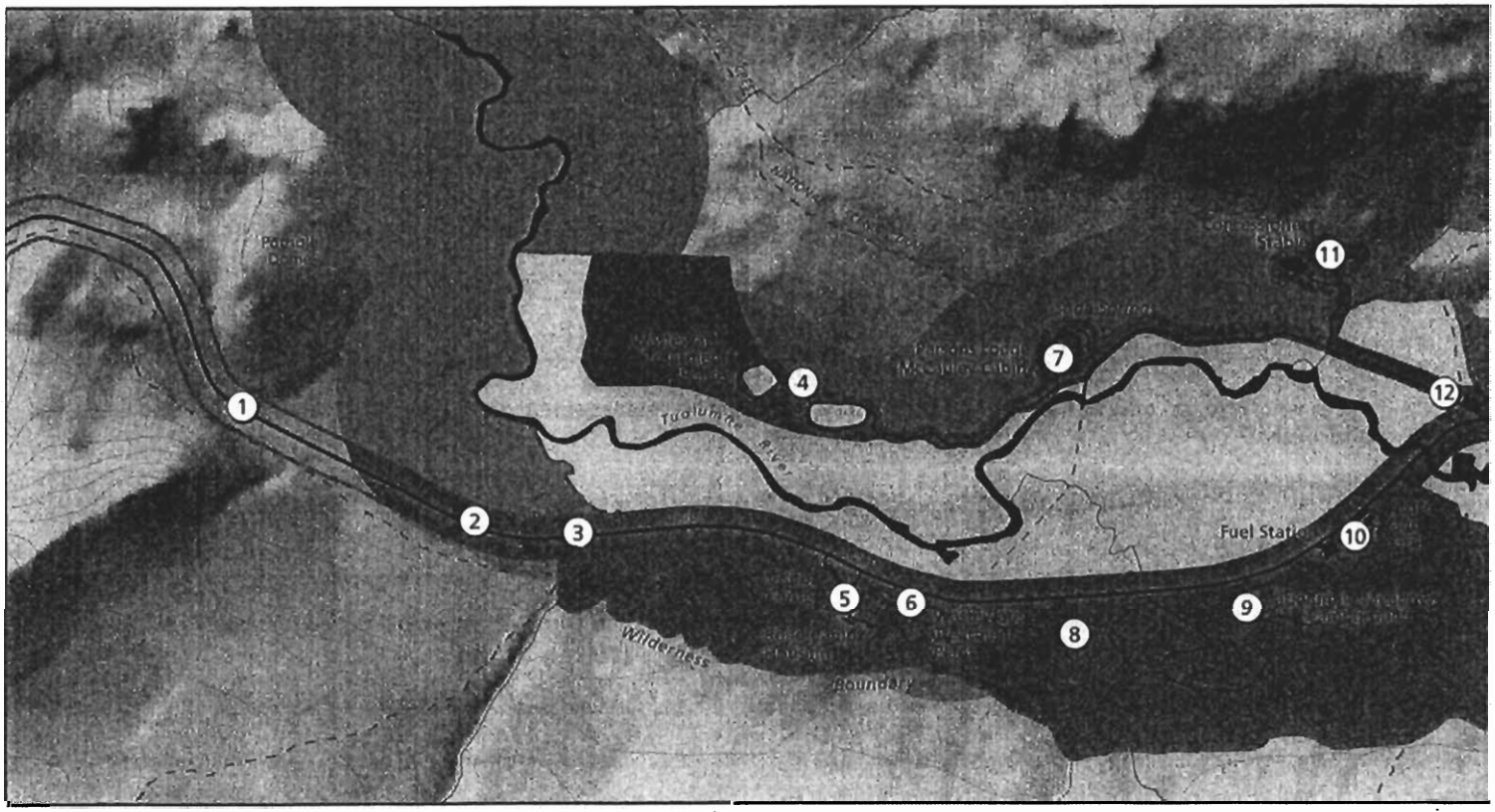
Removal of concessions, Remove pack animals for Riding, Reduce High Sierra camps, improve waste water plants, Reduce/Remove shoulder roads parking while improving trail head/Scenic turnout parking. Remove/consolodate some Housing, Reduce and consolodate (improve) campsites.

This incredible area has been so over impacted it needs A "REST" from this overuse. People should have to sacrifice some to camp/Hike/enjoy the area - The easier the Access is, the less respect the area is treated by some less informed/Less-caring visitors



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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Im for lowering capacity to this amazing place and removing the Need for Wastewater treatment Plants. This option is less effective Then Alt #1.

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Bad Idea. This Alternative will Increase or Sustain the large numbers of People and Do nothing to Restore this beautiful Place back to Wilderness.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I Do not Like Retaining campground site Numbers. I believe future generations would like to see Tuolumne as Free of human impact as possible.

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Please give Tuolumne a face lift (back to its original state) Make it Wilderness again. No Stores, Gas Stations, Less Pollution, Less People.

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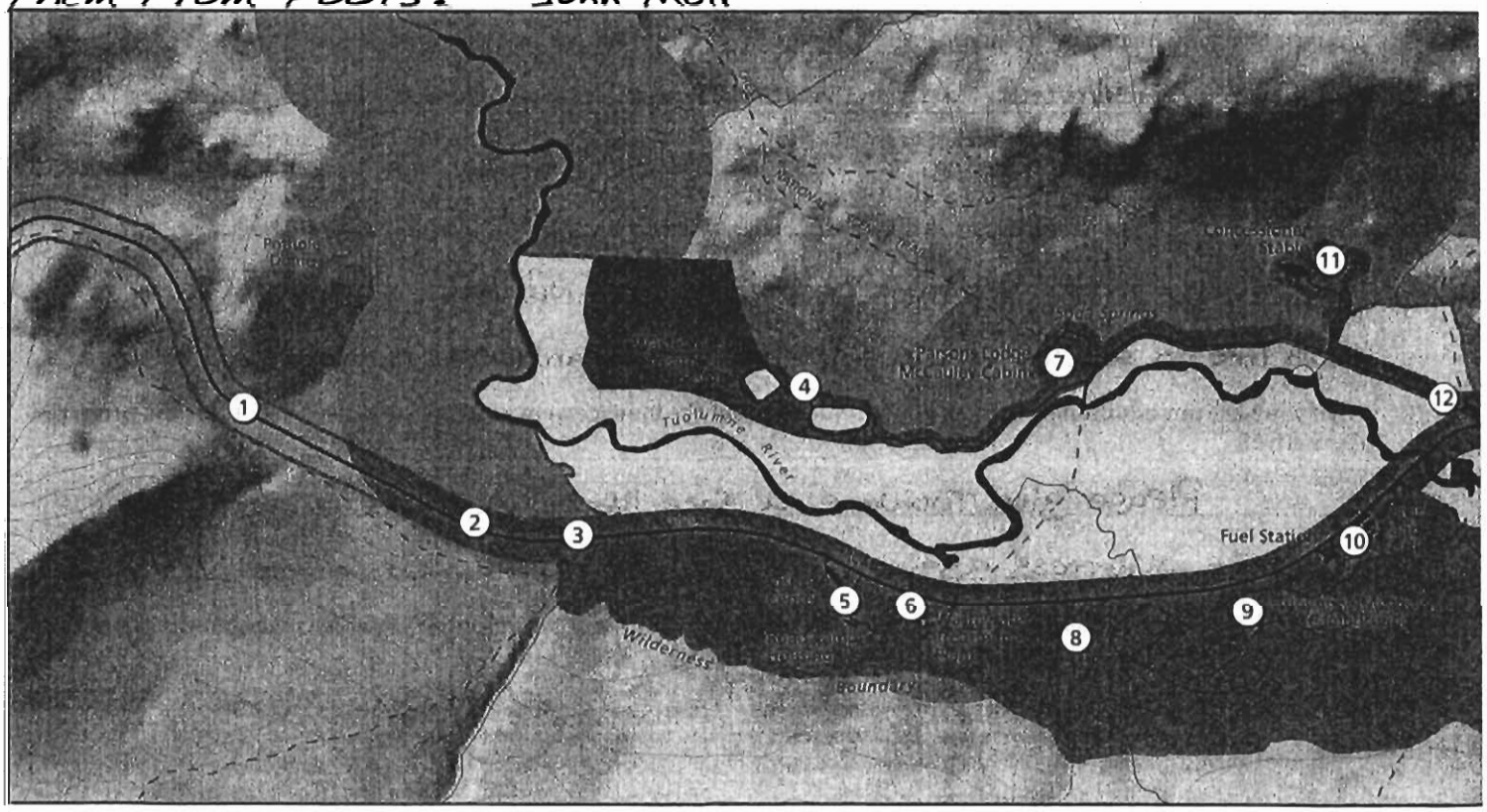
Lowering speed limits and be more inforcing of the speed limits. Use speeding cameras if needed (save the animals)

Maybe we should add more resources at the entrances to the Park, and have less in the way of stores + Gas Stations within the Park itself.

"GOD has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them From Fools." John Muir



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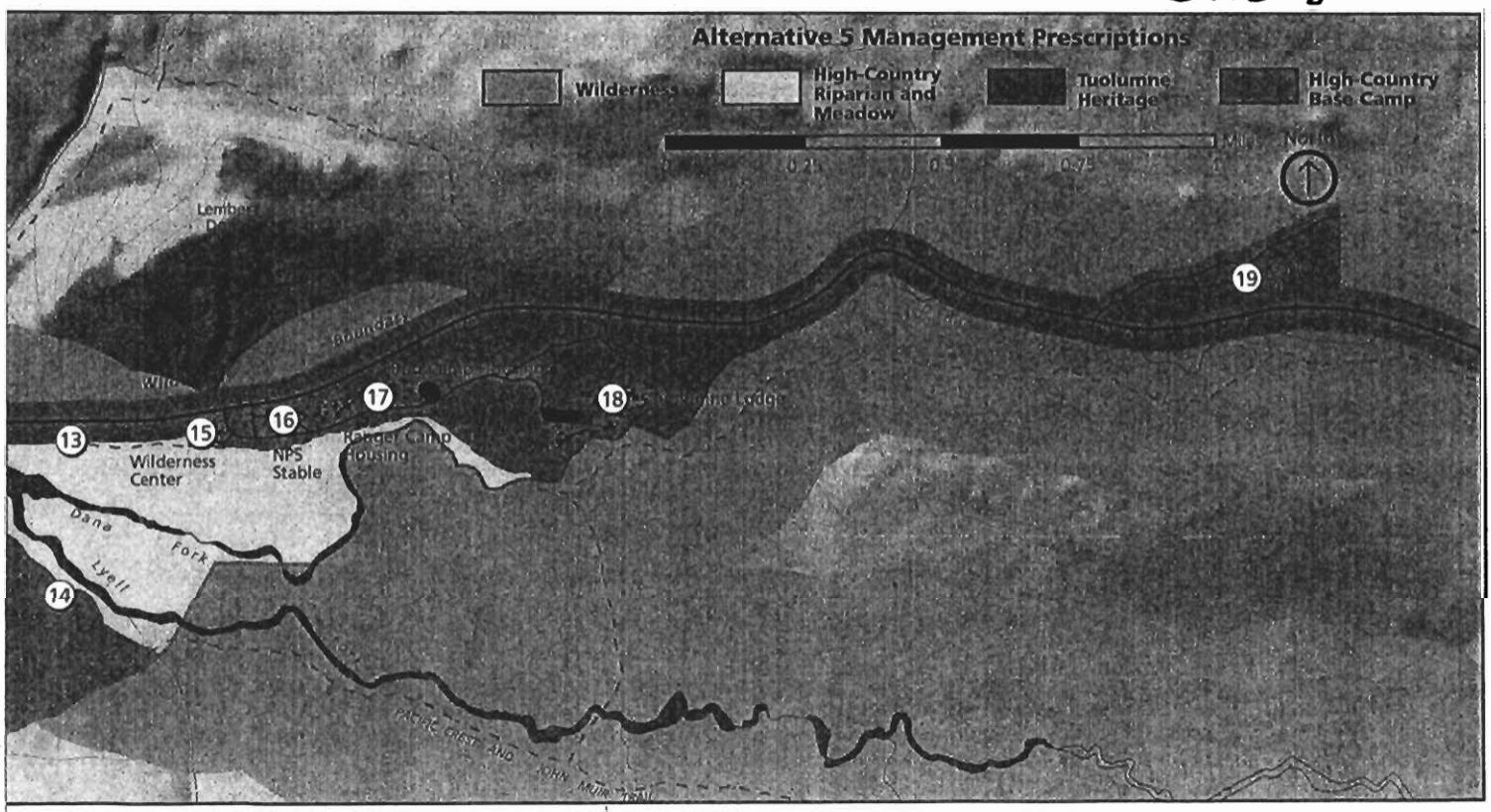
- It's Not about Money, it's about our earth
- Earth & its resources give us life — Please make this one special Place last forever.
- We can go destroy some other Place...

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: [redacted] [redacted] zip = 92128 San Diego



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I Dislike the concept because it takes away the car camping - that many families, like mine, have enjoyed for 40 years -

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

I like the fact that camping will remain - which more emphasis will be on preserving + protecting the meadow - NOT much of a river crossing not really necessary

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like the idea of removing shoulder parking of designated + paved parking - limit overuse -

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like idea of consolidating Ranger-housing - consolidation NPS and concessioner stables - relocate Tuolumne - Dinning hall

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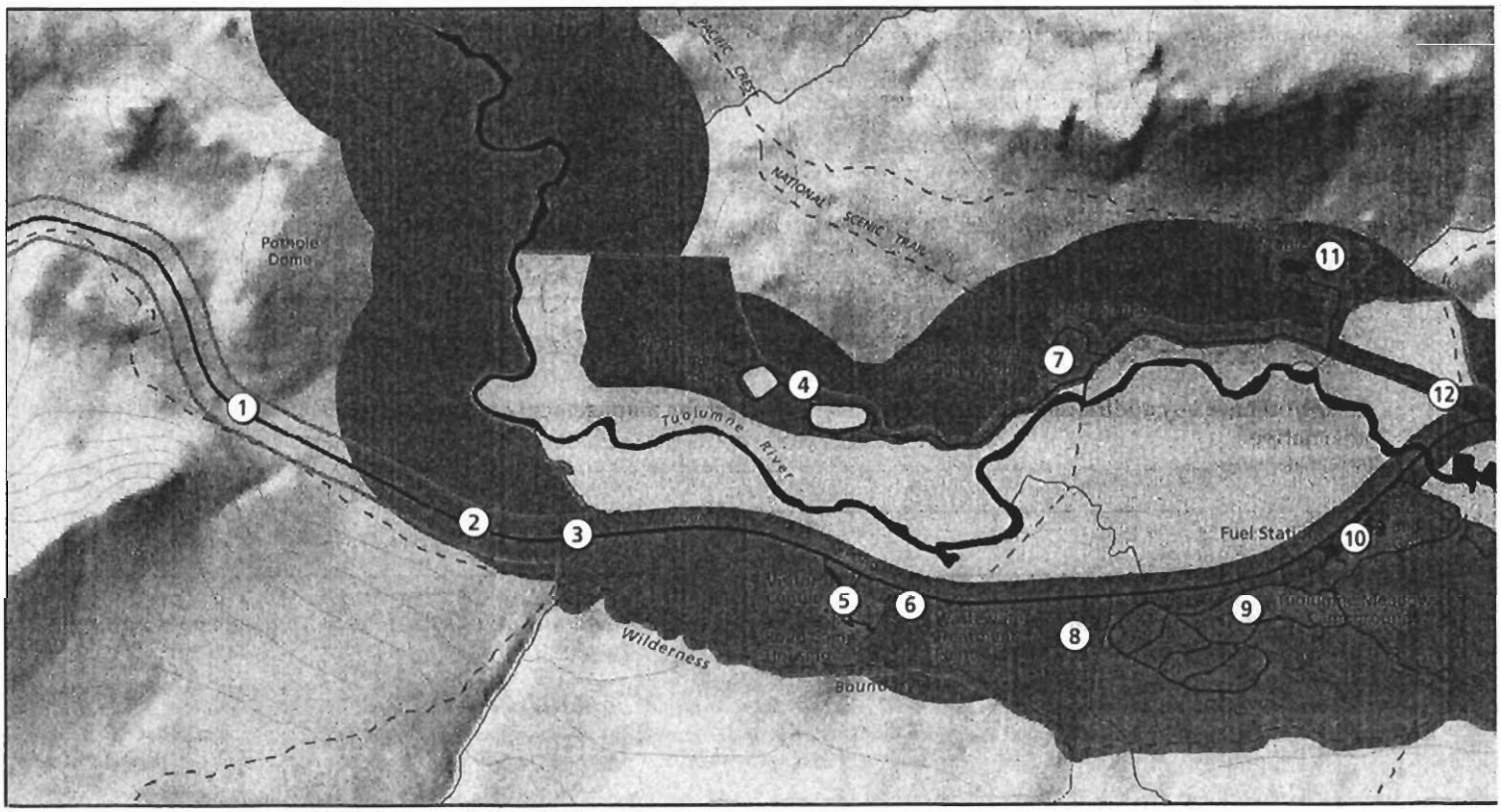
RESTORE AND preserve meadow -

Access & family camping - improve roads in campground

put lights in campground bathrooms -

- move some campgrounds AWAY from River



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Like: (18) Remove Tuolumne Lodge (14) Remove A loop road + campsites

Dislike: (10) Remove store and grill, fuel station, and mountaineering school

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept?

Like: (19) Relocate A loop campsites

Dislike: Retain Tuolumne Lodge visitor facilities

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept?

Like: Retain store and grill, fuel station and mountaineering school

Dislike: Retain Tuolumne Lodge

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept?

Like: Remove wastewater treatment ponds

Dislike: Retain Tuolumne Lodge

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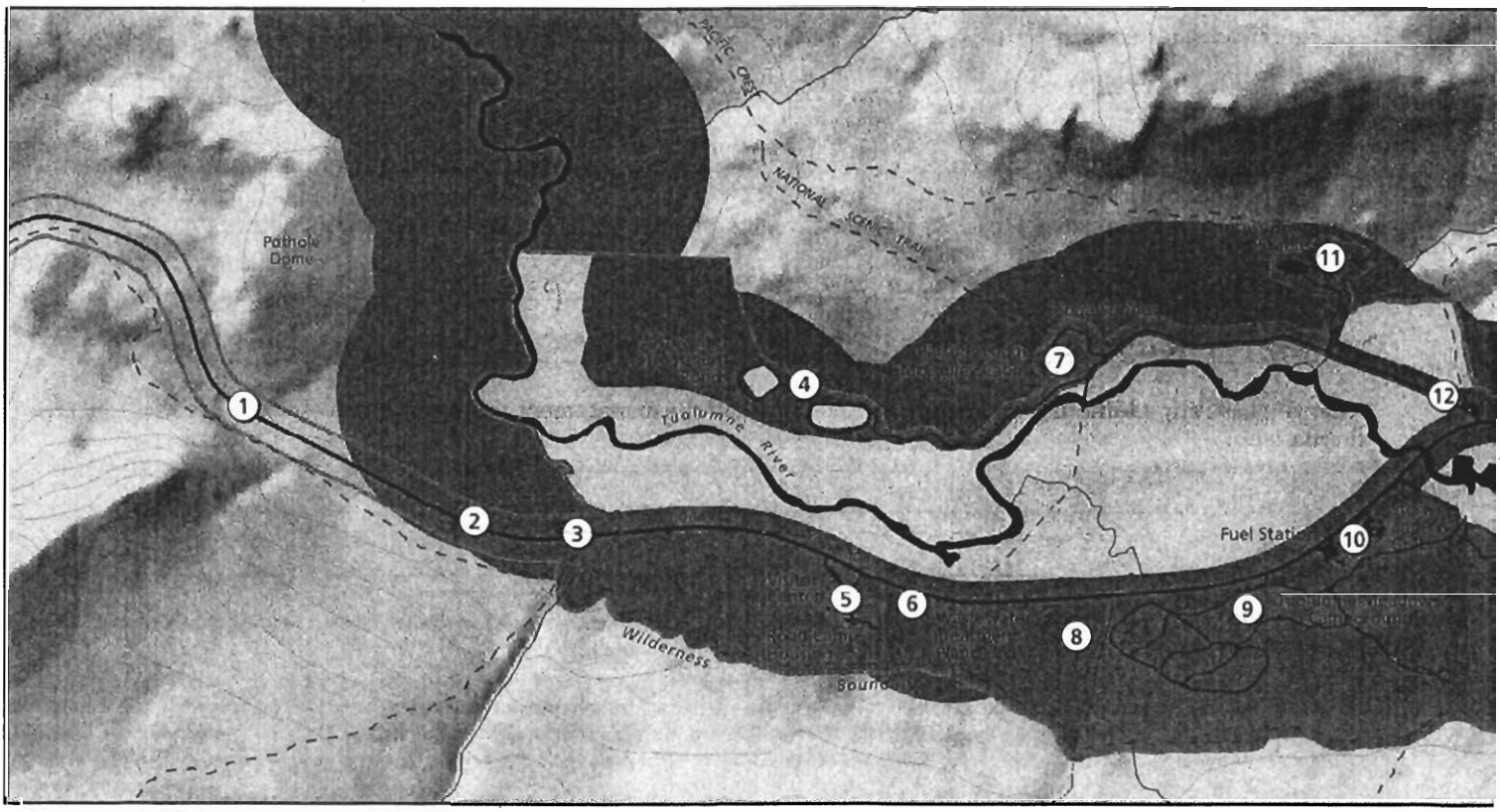
No additional development.
Remove Tuolumne Lodge
Remove/Relocate A loop camping/road
Consolidate Visitor Center and Wilderness Center
Remove/Relocate Waste Water Treatment Ponds
Keep Parsons Lodge / McCauley Cabin
Keep Store, grill and mountaineering school and gas station
Remove concessioner stable



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① ② ③ No change

④ Remove wastewater treatment ponds and access road

⑤ Relocate Vistor Center to ⑮ Retain housing and maintenance facilities

⑥ Locate new wastewater treatment facilities near existing treatment plant

⑦ Preserve Parsons Lodge and McCauley Cabin

⑧ ⑨ No change

⑩ Keep store grill and moutaineering school and gas station

⑪ Remove concessioner stable

⑫ ⑬ No change

⑭ Remove/relocate A loop camping/road

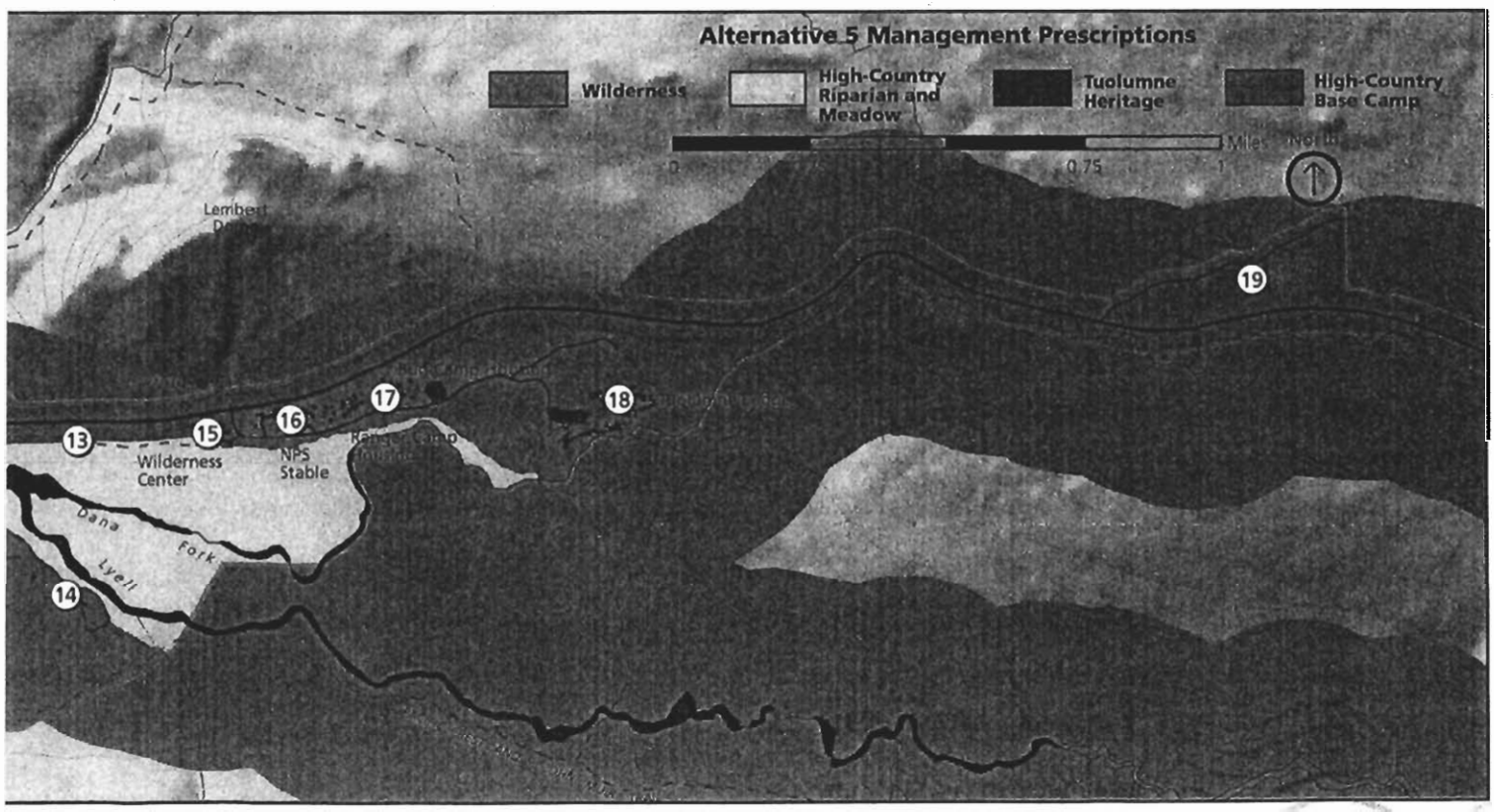
⑮ Retain ranger station and wilderness center. Consolidate visitor Center

⑯ ⑰ No change

⑱ Remove Tuolumne Lodge

⑲ No change

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: [redacted] Palo Alto 94306



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Dislike this plan. It eliminates public access to public land unless you are a strict wilderness nut with your own equipment and food.

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Your best plan. I like the consolidation concept (10) best. I also like (14). I think housing here (19) is great. I love having showers, but provide shuttle service there.

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Plan OK but not as good as concept alternative 2. Don't like remval of parking for pothole dome (1).

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Don't like plan, but better than concept (1). Lodge dining is great, I always like breakfast there before departing area, keep dining.

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Provide bicycle paths to the river and to/from camping and Concession's. Beside showers add a laundry. Make the grill better like a Wendy's wilderness style.

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The shuttle service is great!!

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(1) Same as concept 2

(2) Same as concept 2

(3) Same as concept 2

(4) Same as concept 2

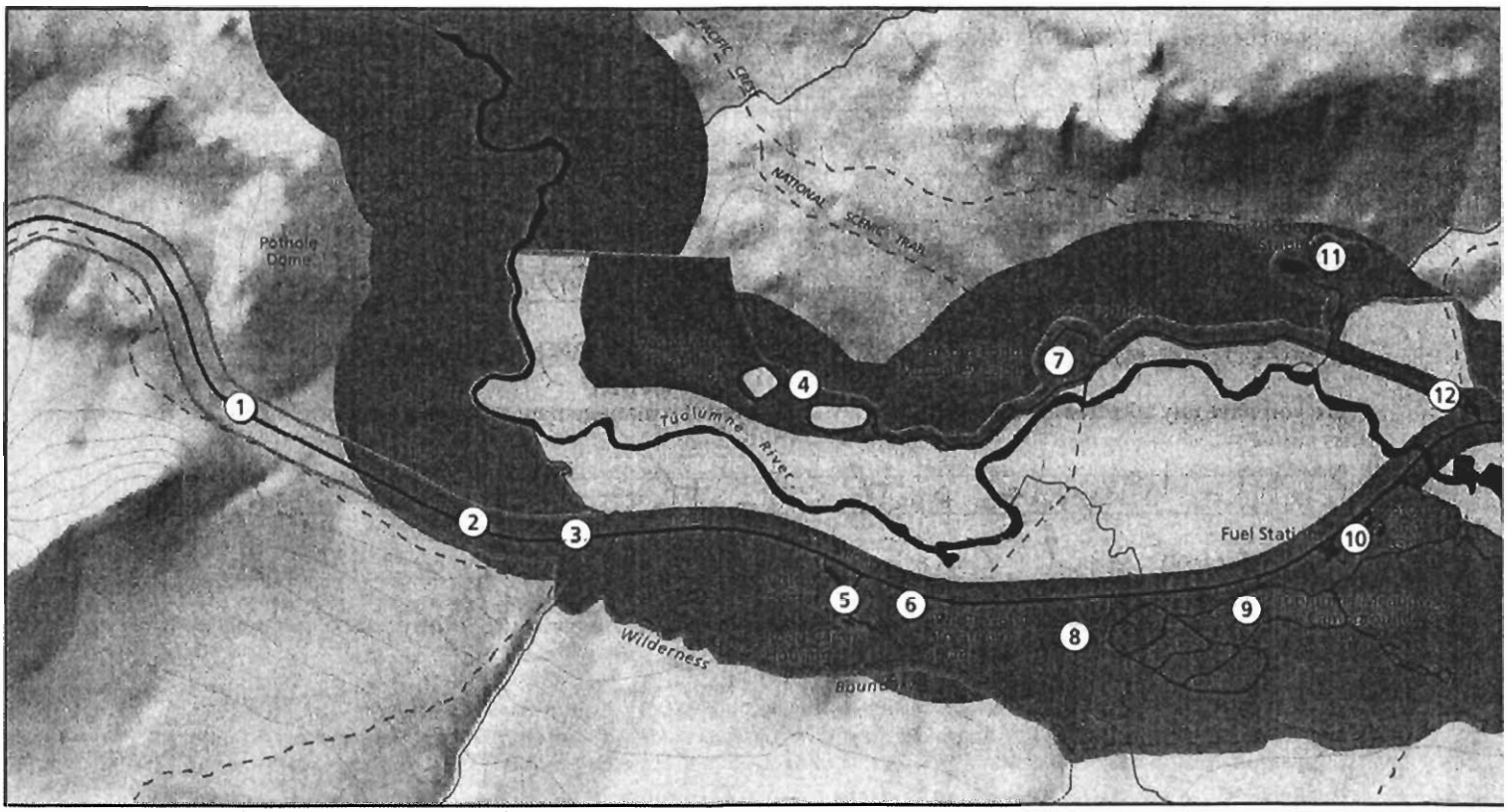
(5) Same as concept 2

(6) (7) (8) same as concept #2

(9) Same as concept #2 plus improve road surfaces

(10) Same as concept #2 ~~plus~~ plus add laundromat, improve grill & store

(11) thru (17), same as concept #2



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(18) Improve Lodge with more casual seating around a stone fireplace. If able, provide view of river. Make lounge bigger.

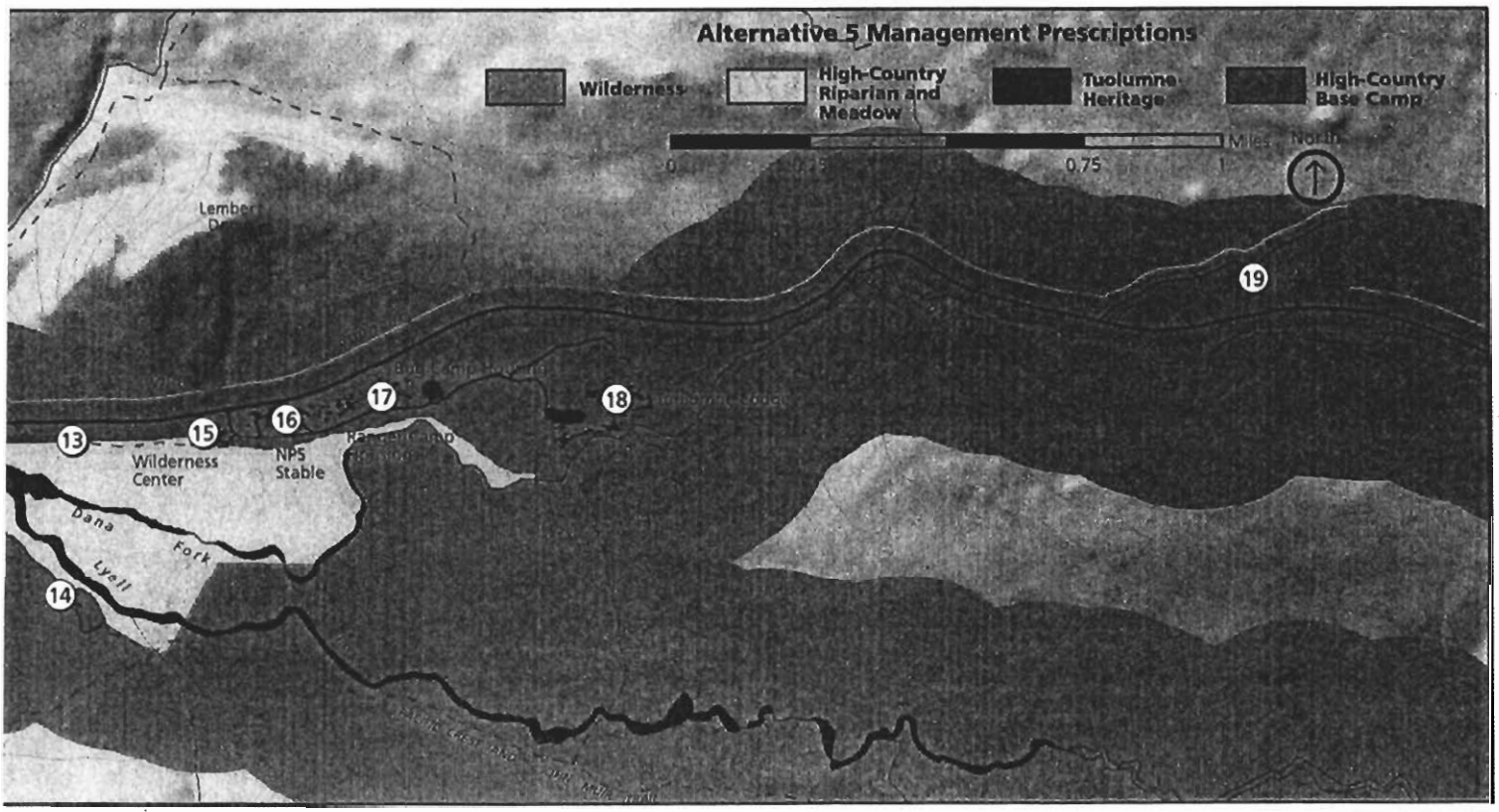
(19) Same as concept #2

Retain suttle service, it's very convenient and saves traveling by car.

Provide bicycle paths along rt. 120, to lodge, Parsons Lodge, and along parts of the Tuolumne River

Provide a swiming beach by the juncture of the Dana Fork and Lyell Fork.

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: _____



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Site plan concept for alternative 1 (page 16 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Plan 1 is unacceptable: housing areas for nonessential employees(?) located to Lee Vining, closing of Glen Aulin HSC, Tuol. store, fuel station, mountaineering school, relocating of visitor center. Visitor Use Management: Tuolumne Meadows isn't exactly a one day destination, especially for those with young children or the elderly

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Plan #2 like most: Glen Aulin HSC to remain open! Also Tuolumne tent cabins. Dislike: Kayaking or similar boating. Would necessitate launching areas, open up riparian areas & all sorts of damage. Bike trails ☹

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Plan #3 like: 1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 18, 19

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like the idea of an interpretave river walk. It is a good idea to consolidate stables + include housing at concessionaire stable site.

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The Lembert Dome parking, picnic area would benefit from re: design + signage. Currently, things are a little confusing.

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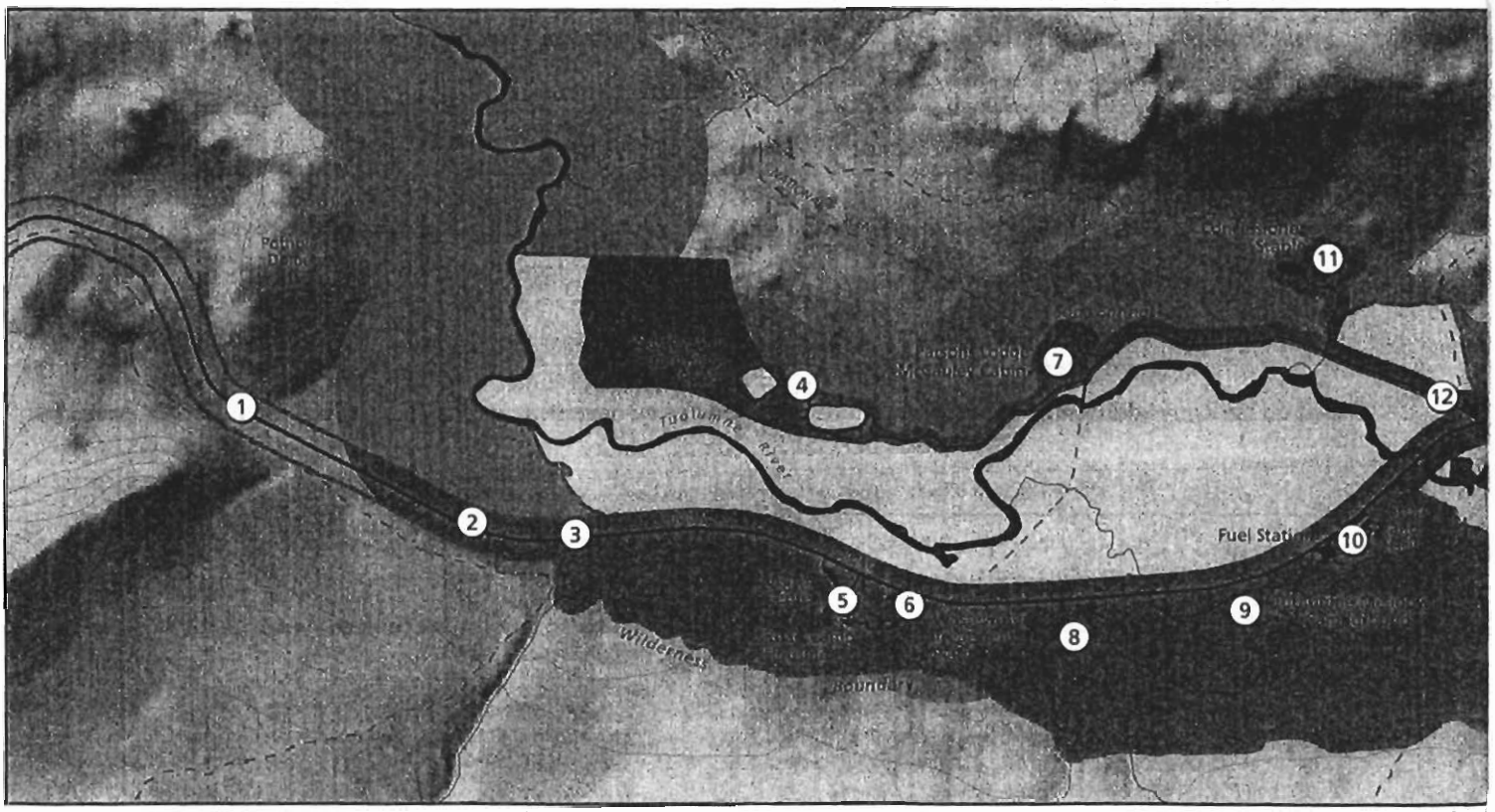
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these plans. - Looking forward to the re-working release in 2009.



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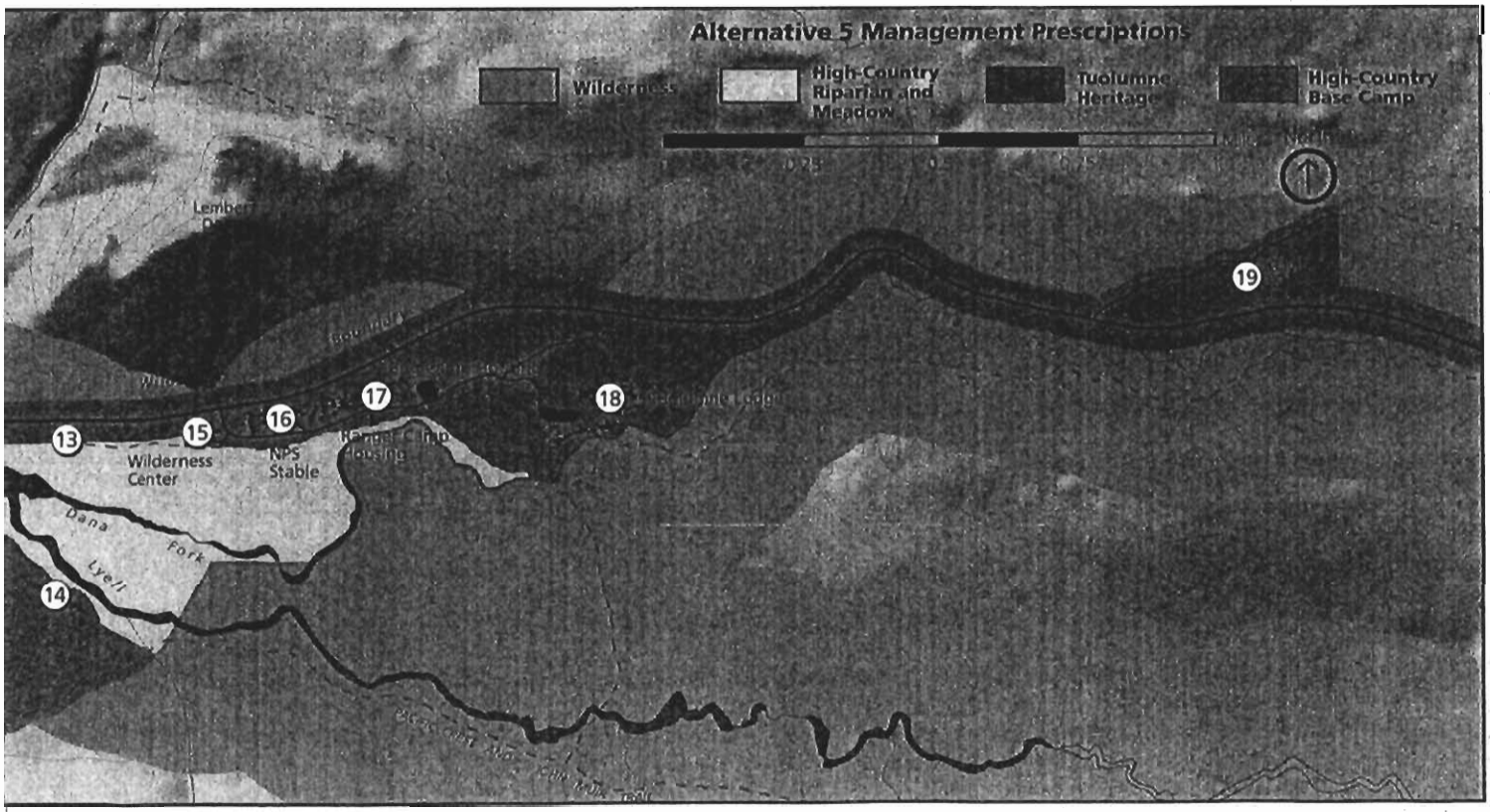

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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I dislike retention of wastewater ponds + roads north of 120. I like the consolidation of facilities a lot.

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I dislike almost everything about this alternative. It is the status quo, and it is completely unacceptable.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like almost everything about this alternative. It is well balanced. This alternative should be adopted almost without change, except that Campground Loop A should be redesigned away from the river.

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The wastewater treatment ponds MUST be removed, along with all roads + vehicular access north of Tioga Road. This other most critical thing is the consolidation of visitor services, including visitor center, grill, store, ranger station, + wilderness center.

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(4) The wastewater ponds MUST be removed and relocated, along with the road.

(5) The crappy visitor center should be relocated near the store + grill.

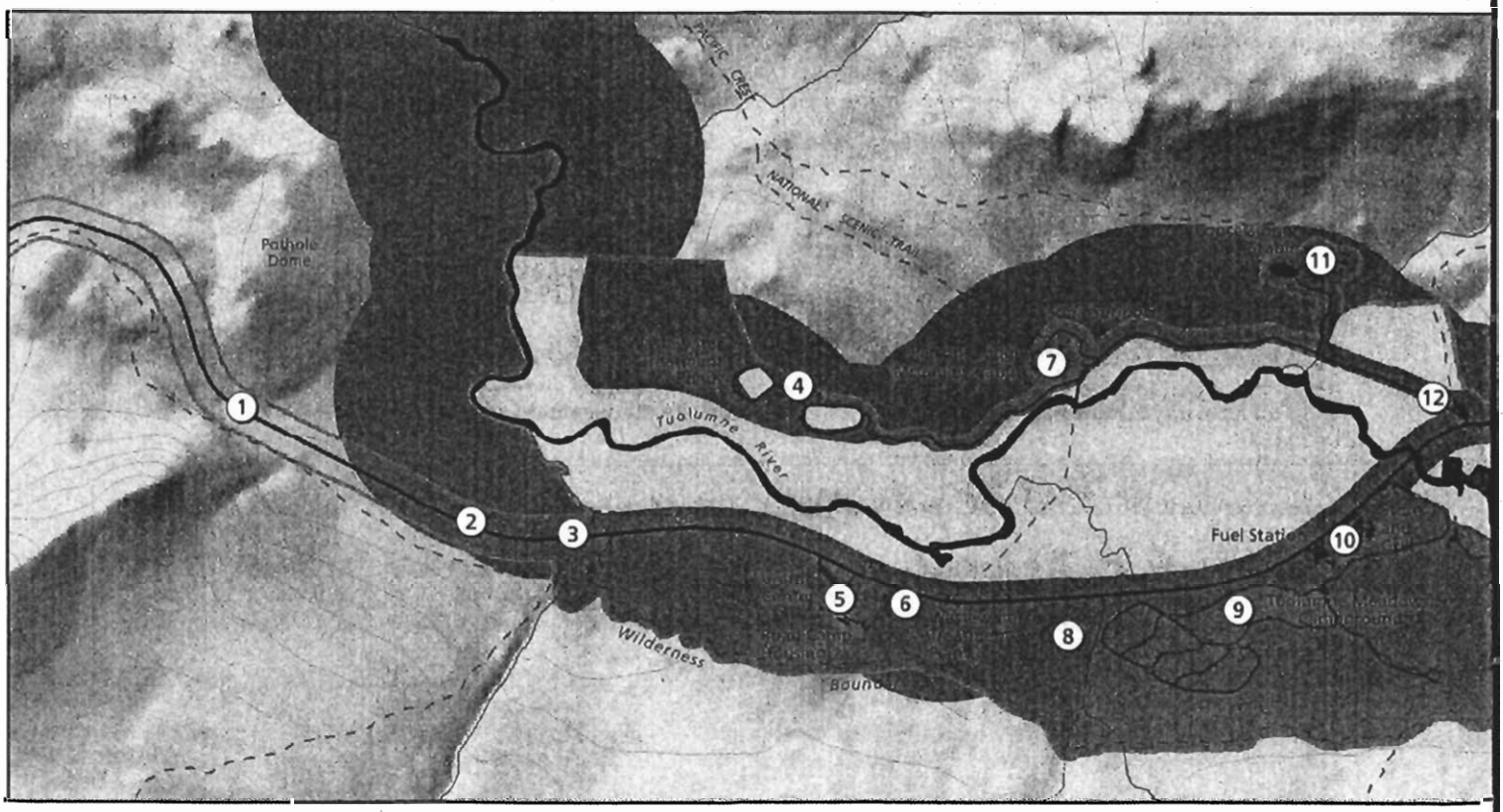
(7) The historic bldgs should be preserved, but all vehicle access eliminated.

(11) All stables must be consolidated, ~~preferably~~

(15) The wilderness center, ranger station, + mountaineering school must all be consolidated + co-located together.

(17) All employee (NPS, ranger, concessioner) housing must be consolidated.

(14) Loop A should be redesigned away from the river or removed. The existing campground could be expanded to facilitate elimination of Loop A.



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- Elimination + site restoration of inappropriately sited facilities + roads.
- Consolidation of visitor services and concessions + minimization of footprint to centralized + convenient locations
- Increase in wilderness-managed area and reduction in impacted areas from riparian + meadow areas.
- Reduction in vehicular areas and increase in foot + bicycle-accessible areas.

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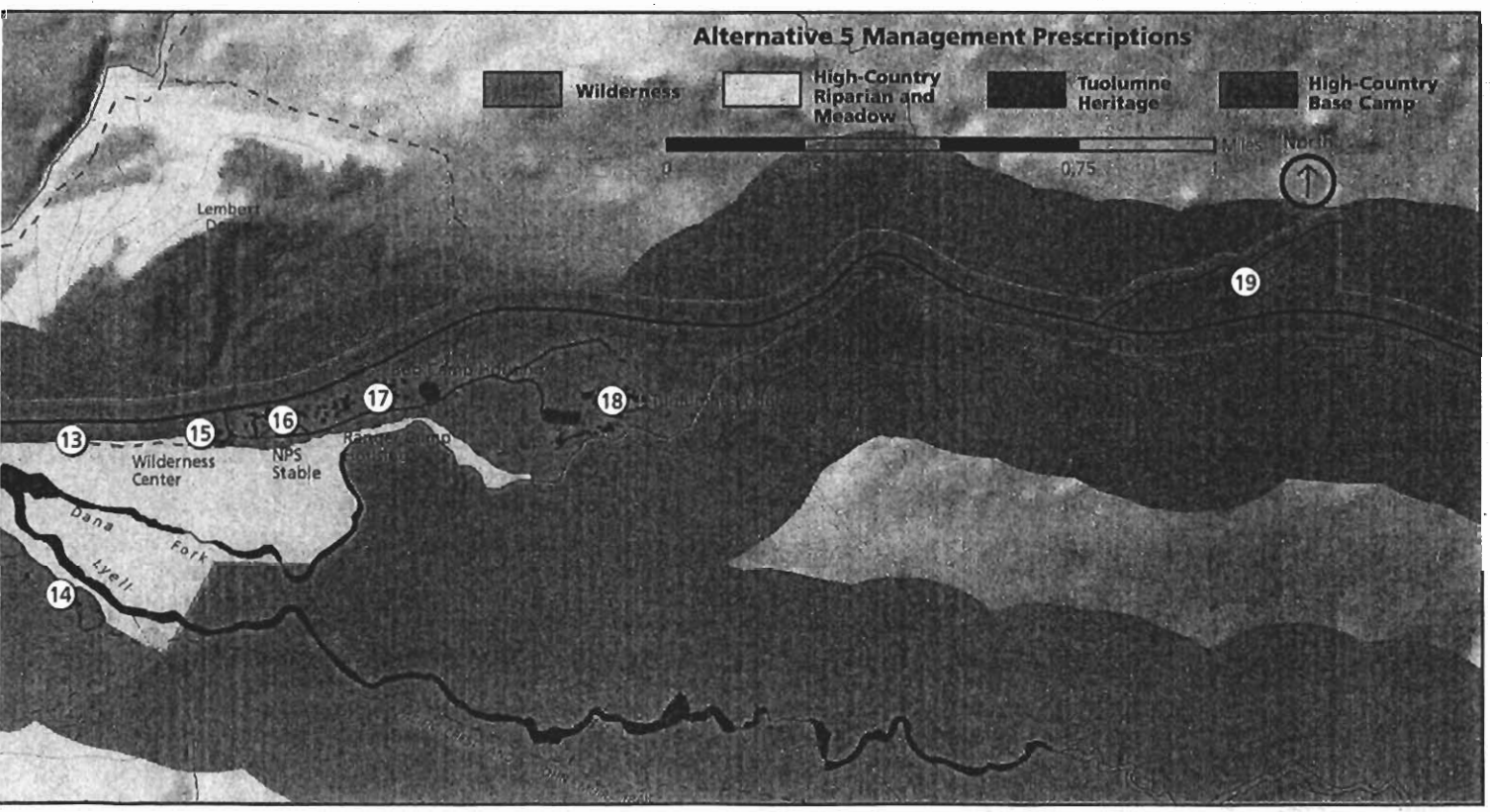

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Eliminate trail rides (not necessary)

Eliminate Tioga Rd. shoulder Parking & social trails

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Provide Hike/bike trail along Tioga Rd, Add designated bridle path.

Provide Scenic pull outs * with Interp panels!

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Retain NPS housing & Dog Lake Parking

Preserve Lodge, McCauley Cabin, Parsons,

Restore, Preserve, Interpret the Great Sierran Wagon Road.

Satalite Parking @ Gaylor Pit w/ waterless toilets.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

Hike bike trail along Great Sierran Wagon Rd.

Formalize trail loops through main visitor use areas.

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Convienent alternative transportation means to access TM w/out having to bring my personal vehicle. Good inter-shuttle service in TM (the current one is unreliable & the time gaps are too big. 15 min. increments please! I don't want to have to drive my car everywhere... but right now biking is not safe & the shuttle system leaves me standing by the side of the road waiting for a shuttle that may or may not arrive anytime soon.

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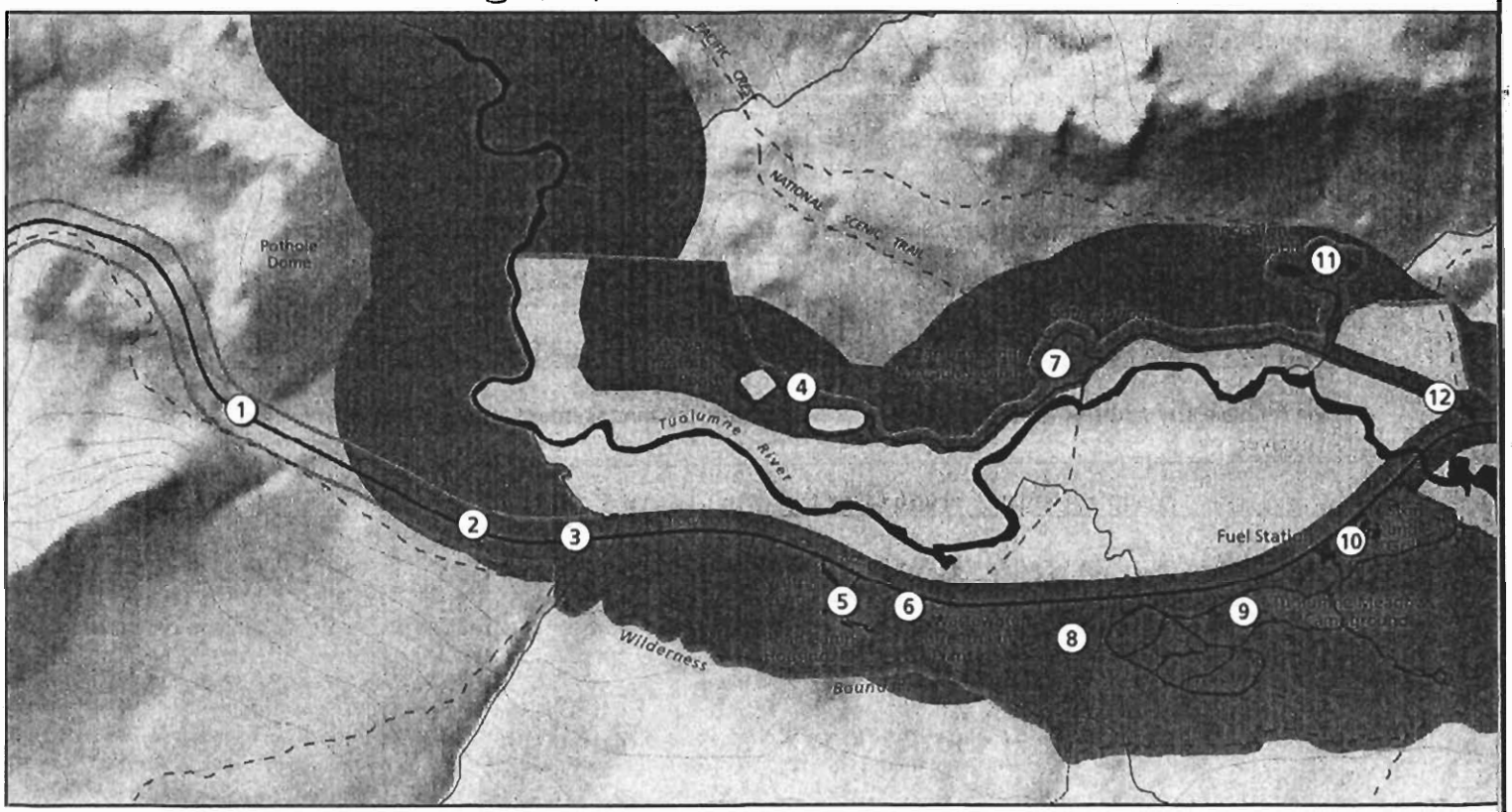
Parking → reduce # of cars parking on Tioga Rd

- Improve shuttle system (currently = unreliable & inconvienent)
  - needs to come by every 15 min. like in the valley
- Improve transportation from TM to Yos Valley
  shuttle system 4x/day (to decrease # of cars needing to be parked in TM & ↑ visitor enjoyment.

Meadow protection/appropriate use - Improved signage & understanding
clearly marked access pts
interpretive displays @ Lembert, the Store, the VC Parking Lot
educating people on the sensitive nature of the meadow



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& how to be good stewards of it (stay on existing trails, disperse to go on meadow ⊘ dogs ⊘ bikes Not a sporting green.

Glen Aulin – Move bathrooms back towards the backpackers camp – have it be a joint facility – rustic – composting (not flush!)

Dog Lake Parking – re-design lot – inefficient use of that space – could allow for more parking by re designing it. ~~A~~ shape slightly.

Tuolumne Heritage – LODGE, RANGER CAMP, CAMPGROUND, PARSONS, ROAD CAMP, I like it ... allows for retention of "rustic feel" of TM – this is what Tuolumne is about – Step back to living in balance w/ nature. ~~And~~ Opportunity for Wilderness experience begining w/ the transition into Tuolumne, then the back country. Employees walk to work · know the area well because they live here & play here.

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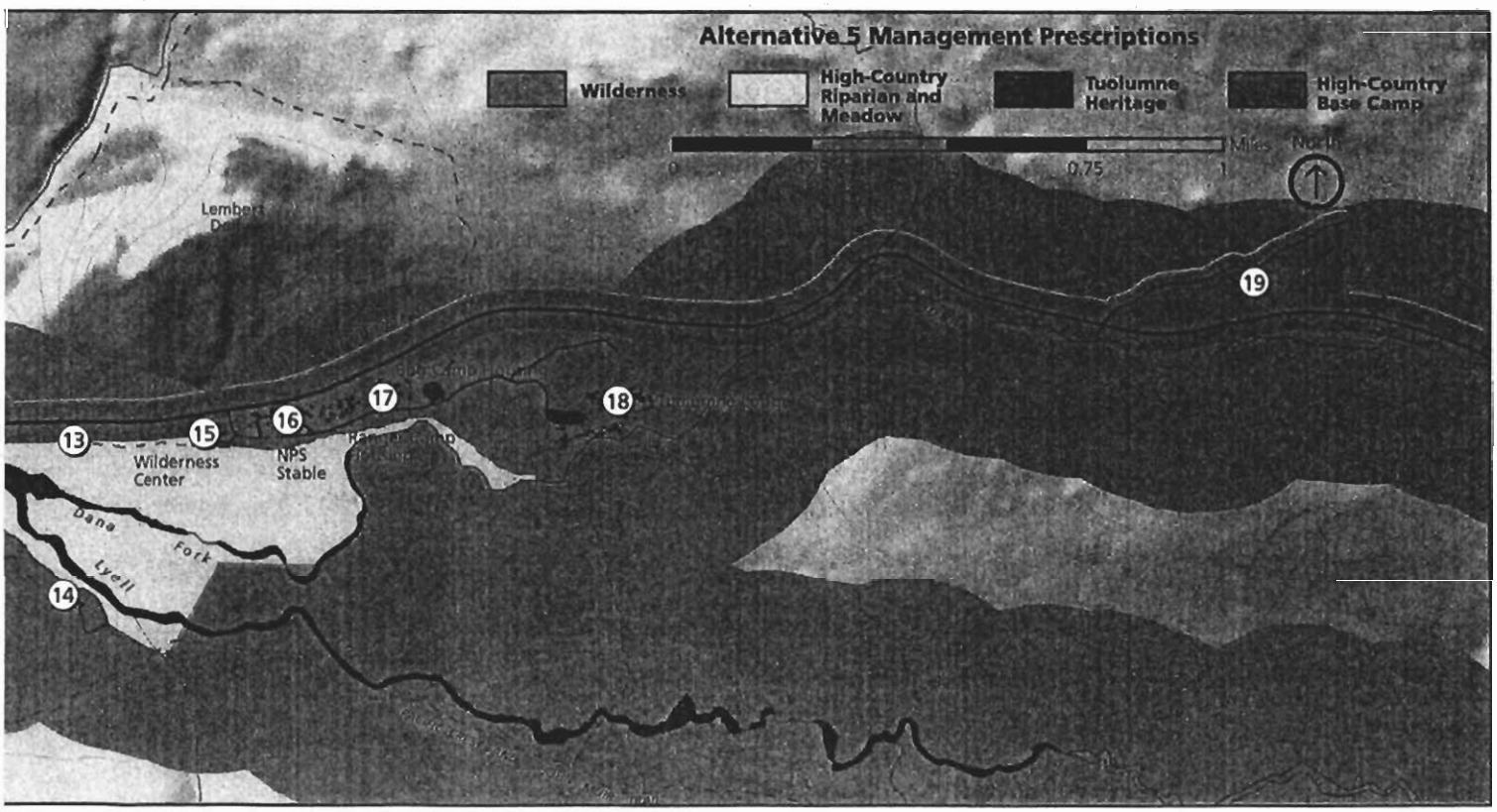

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This makes for a lighter footprint of civilization and restores more wilderness to the area. I would approve of this Option

Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

This Option basically retains all of the services, altho it consolidates them somewhat. This option emphasizes the day visitor and is less desirable

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

This has the least change and I don't consider the status quo desirable

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? _____

This isn't much different from No 2. Services are consolidated to lessen impact but are still there.

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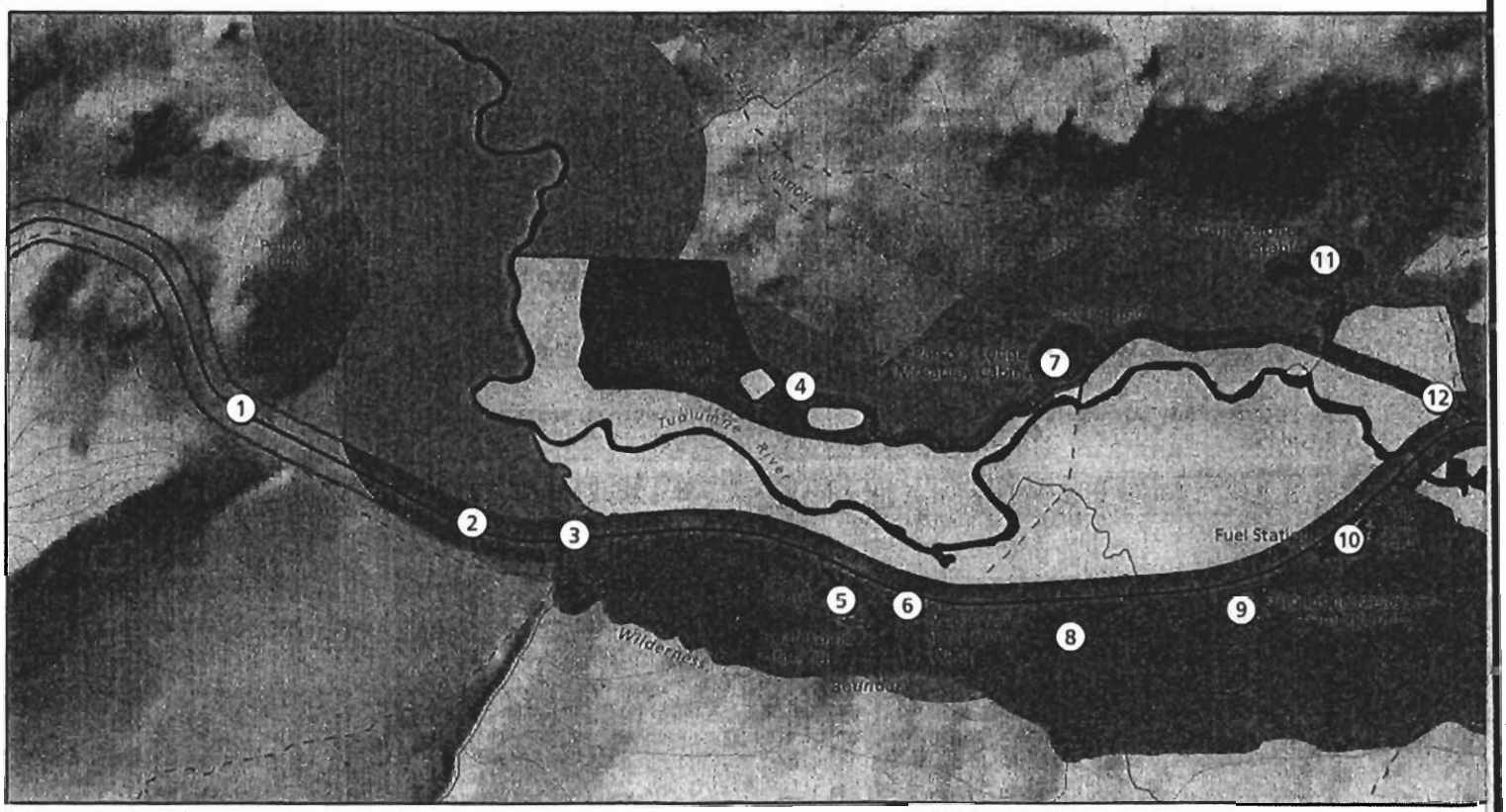
Remove informal parking areas & social trails.
Remove (4) Wastewater treatment ponds
Consolidate various functions at (9)
Restore natural conditions by eliminating (14)
Consolidate or change housing to lessen impact on riparian areas or the river.



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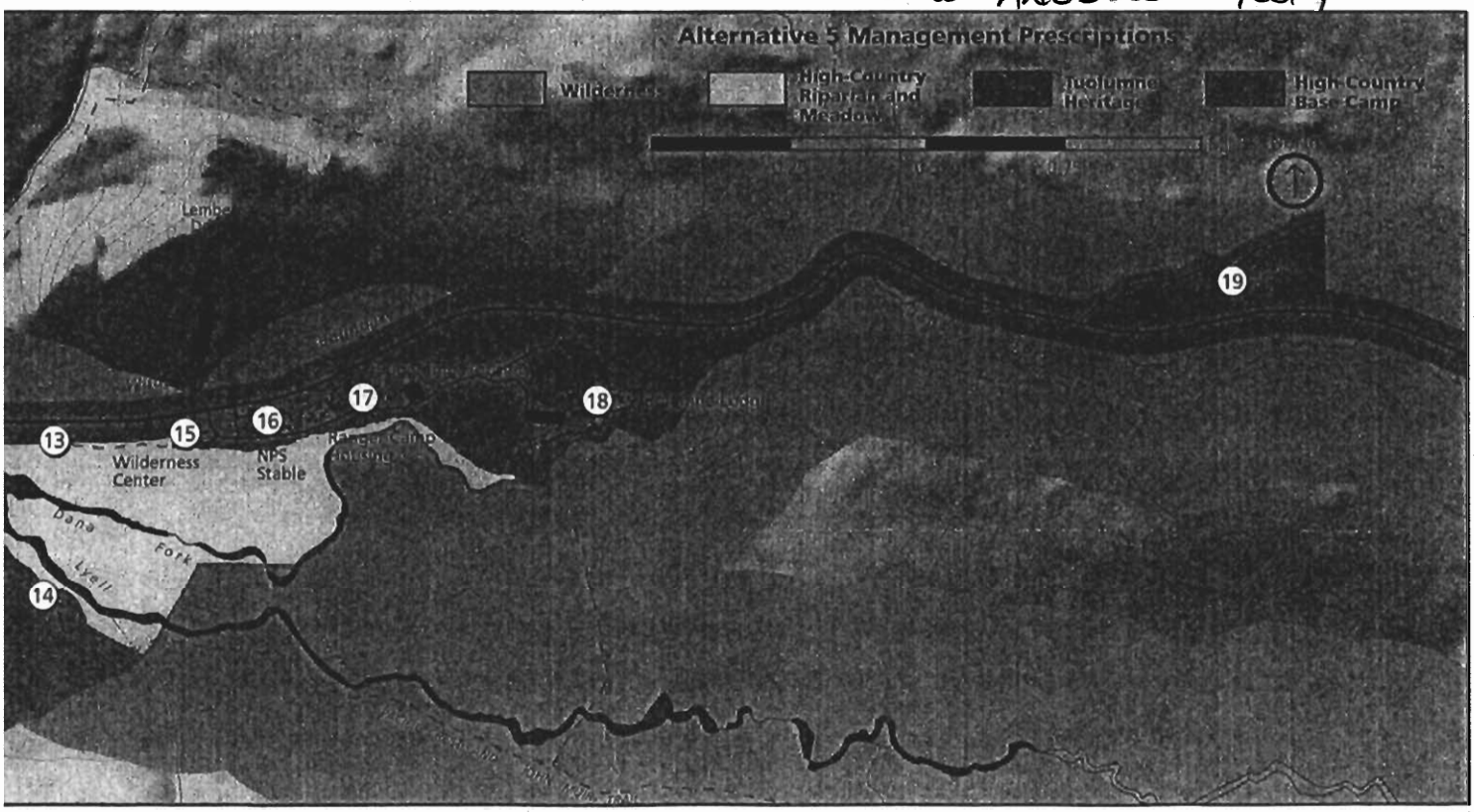

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Dear Ms. Rylands and the Tuolumne Planning Team,

I would like to commend the planning team for your willingness to listen to and incorporate ideas and concepts from public comments. At a time when government agencies are often wedded to rigid preconceived conclusions or political agendas, you have shown an exemplary willingness to consider and evaluate a wide range of viewpoints.

It is important that this process of listening and evaluation continue throughout the Tuolumne planning process. I am concerned that Delaware North Company (DNC) will attempt to subvert the planning team's defined ORVs, which show an understanding of Tuolumne Meadow's importance and a deep appreciation of the area. The ecology and visitor experience at Tuolumne Meadows should not be compromised to satisfy the private, commercial, profit-making desires of any concessionaire. DNC is a private company operating in Yosemite with permission and at the pleasure of the NPS and, thus, the people of United States.

Below are my comments on each alternative as well as some general observations.

Alternative 1:

In a perfect world, in many respects, this would be my preferred alternative. However, Yosemite's historic precedents and modern reality render certain aspects impractical and may, paradoxically, lead to abuses of the wilderness this alternative seeks to preserve. The particular aspects of Alternative 1 that should be incorporated into the final, preferred alternative include the following:

- Preserve Parsons Lodge and the McCauley Cabin while eliminating the road and utilities.
- Remove and relocate waste water treatment facilities to near the existing facility.
- Remove the Tuolumne Grill.
- Close the campground's A loop along the Lyell Fork while keeping the same number of total sites in the campground.
- Provide parking with a trail connection to Pothole Dome.
- Retain Lembert Dome parking and picnic areas.
- Remove informal parking at the Cathedral Lakes trailhead.
- Retain the old Tioga Road /Great Sierra Road Wagon Trail.

The aspects of this alternative I disagree with include:

- The store and the Mountaineering Shop should be retained in order to provide supplies for people staying in the campground and backpackers. Perhaps the Mountaineering Shop could be combined with the store into a single facility.
- Tuolumne Lodge should be retained as a tent cabin facility.
- NPS housing should not be removed. Where will these employees then live? Commuting from outside Tuolumne will only add traffic to Tioga Road and increase pollution, thus damaging the wilderness.
- What are "natural changes in vegetation" in regards to the "historic landscape and associated historic vistas"? How will this be determined? I'm not sure we have yet understood and can easily and always differentiate what "natural changes" are versus those caused by human encroachment in an ecosystem as complex as Tuolumne Meadows.. For example, is the relatively recent proliferation of pines in the meadow a result of natural changes or human disturbance?

• The Visitor Center should not be relocated. While I once believed otherwise, my recent visits to Tuolumne (with this plan in mind) have led me to change my thinking on this issue. I now think the Visitor Center and Wilderness Center should continue to be separate and in their current locations.

It is necessary to recognize the main reasons people come to Tuolumne and to separate the facilities catering to these visitors. I have observed four basic types of visitors:

1. Those who are merely passing through on Tioga Road to communities and trailheads on the east side of the Sierra. They might pull off the road and take a short walk, but otherwise Tuolumne is a beautiful location they drive through on their way to someplace else. The only facilities they require are picnic areas, short-term parking, and rest rooms.

2. Those who are day visitors who stop to see the area and possibly enjoy a picnic and/or a day hike. Those people should be directed to the Visitor Center for information.

3. Those who are camping in the campground or staying at Tuolumne Lodge. Along with day hikes, they may need/wish to purchase supplies at the store and go to the Wilderness Office or Visitor Center for information on trails and natural features.

4. Those who are embarking on a backpacking trip from Tuolumne. They will need to go to the Wilderness Center to pick up their permit, possibly a bear canister, and get information on trail conditions, etc. Tuolumne Meadows is one of the most popular and, in my opinion, one of the best trailheads for backcountry travel in the world.

Alternative 2:

Implementing any of this alternative except those elements common to the other three would be a travesty. "The level of activity and social interaction at Tuolumne Meadows would be relatively high" sounds like transforming Tuolumne Meadows into a version of Yosemite Valley. Expanding "recreation and leisure opportunities for visitors to connect with the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River" is an inherent contraction and violates the ORVs. Kayaking on the river is asking for disaster and seems merely a means for a concessionaire to rent kayaks. Having read the public comments, I suspect this alternative came primarily from DNC.

Alternative 3:

There are problems with the ambiguous language used in this alternative. What does it mean specifically by designating "heritage" versus "high country base camp," especially in terms of the campground and the lodge?

• Have you studied the damage due to the storage of fuel at the gas station? If it is determined that there is no seepage into the ground and river, then there is an argument for keeping the gas station. But it would be better to combine the store, mountaineering shop, and gas station in one location.

• Why keep all of A loop open if it's possible to retain the number of sites while still closing the loop?

• What exactly are the "historic landscapes" of Glen Aulin, Bug Camp, and Ranger Camp? None of those places and structures existed a century ago. While I don't object to retaining them in their current location (except for Glen Aulin), designating them "historical" will make it difficult to eliminate them in the future if better alternatives are later found .

• Adding a picnic area near the Visitor Center and Store is an excellent idea, though exactly how and where demands careful thought and planning.

Alternative 4:

This plan shows a perception of the concepts of Alternative 1, but implements them in a way that will serve to undermine many of those concepts. The varieties of possible visitor experiences is not well thought out. Please see my comments above regarding how visitors experience Tuolumne.

- Relocating the Visitor Center to the campground would encourage too many people to congregate in one location, create traffic congestion, and significantly alter the nature of the campground.
- A formal parking lot and a visitor contact station at the Cathedral Lakes trailhead would magnify what is already a traffic hazard and visual eyesore. It would be better to expand the parking area at the current Visitor Center for Cathedral Lakes backpackers.
- The Lembert Dome picnic area or parking should not be removed.

Regarding Glen Aulin, I am conflicted about the High Sierra Camp. I appreciate and understand people want to stay in this beautiful setting with the amenities offered by the H.S.C. As a backpacker, I find the H.S.C. destroys the wilderness experience. The H.S.C. is an imposition on one of Yosemite's most unique and special places and should be closed. The area should become a backcounty destination with designated campsites.

The preferred Alternative states, "Honor the traditions of the Tuolumne while looking to the future." I find this language to be so ambiguous that it will be possible to plug in and justify any element from any of the other four alternatives, including those that will negatively alter the character of the area. It will also allow any future administration to interpret use at Tuolumne anyway they wish. I hope in the final plan the planning team can develop specific language that will make their intent and meaning clear enough to prevent future abuse.

As the ORVs state, Tuolumne Meadows contains "Magnificent scenery with a character unique to the Tuolumne River corridor." Please preserve that scenery so that someone visiting Tuolumne Meadows in the next century can look on and revel in the same views across the meadow from Soda Springs towards the Cathedral Range that John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson saw when they envisioned preserving this special place for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of my observations and opinions.

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Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Why keep the stables + all amenities, if you're trying to maintain cultural heritage. This option seems the most ironic to me. You might as well take out the whole road! I suppose I don't understand how Tuolumne will seem more cultural under this design strategy!?

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? I like this plan the most, except the Glen Aulin piece. Take it out! This also seems ironic if you are 'restoring' in this plan. This plan and plan #1 are the best of all.

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I like this plan, but it's important to think: "Are we creating more disturbance by re-doing all of this?" Keep housing areas where they are, don't relocate store/gas station, do take out shoulder parking + put in parking @ Cathedral Lakes!

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(2) Remove T. Rd. shoulder parking + social trails. Provide Scenic pullouts.

(3) Remove informal parking - Cathedral Lakes parking Lot!?

(4) Remove wastewater treatment plant.

(5) Keep VC function

(6) Locate new wastewater treatment plant near to new one.

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(8) No change

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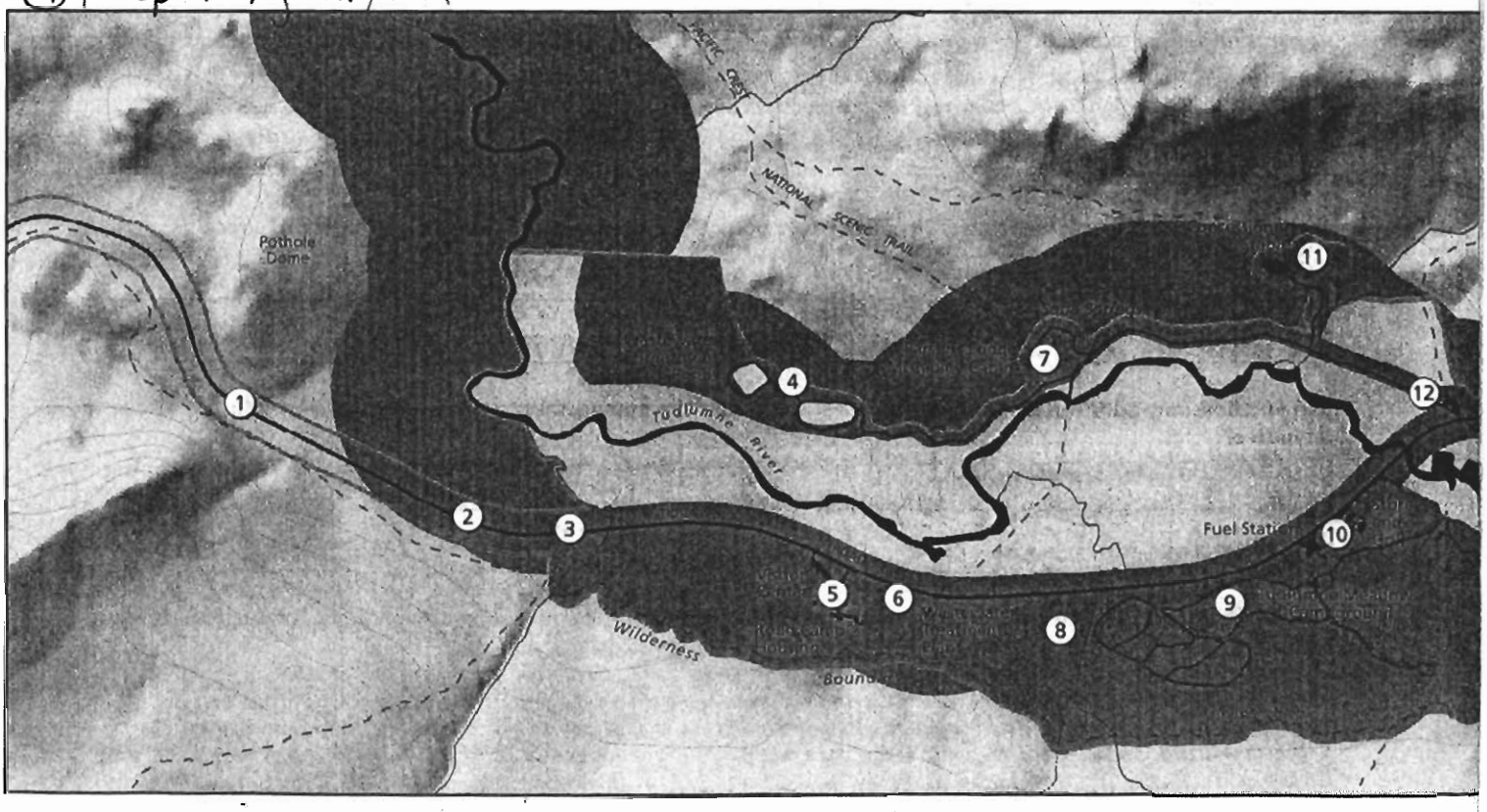

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(14) Remove A loop.
(15) Keep ranger station + WC.
(16) Remove NPS Stable + Concessioner stable.
(17) Keep all housing, as is.
(18) Move T. Lodge away from river.
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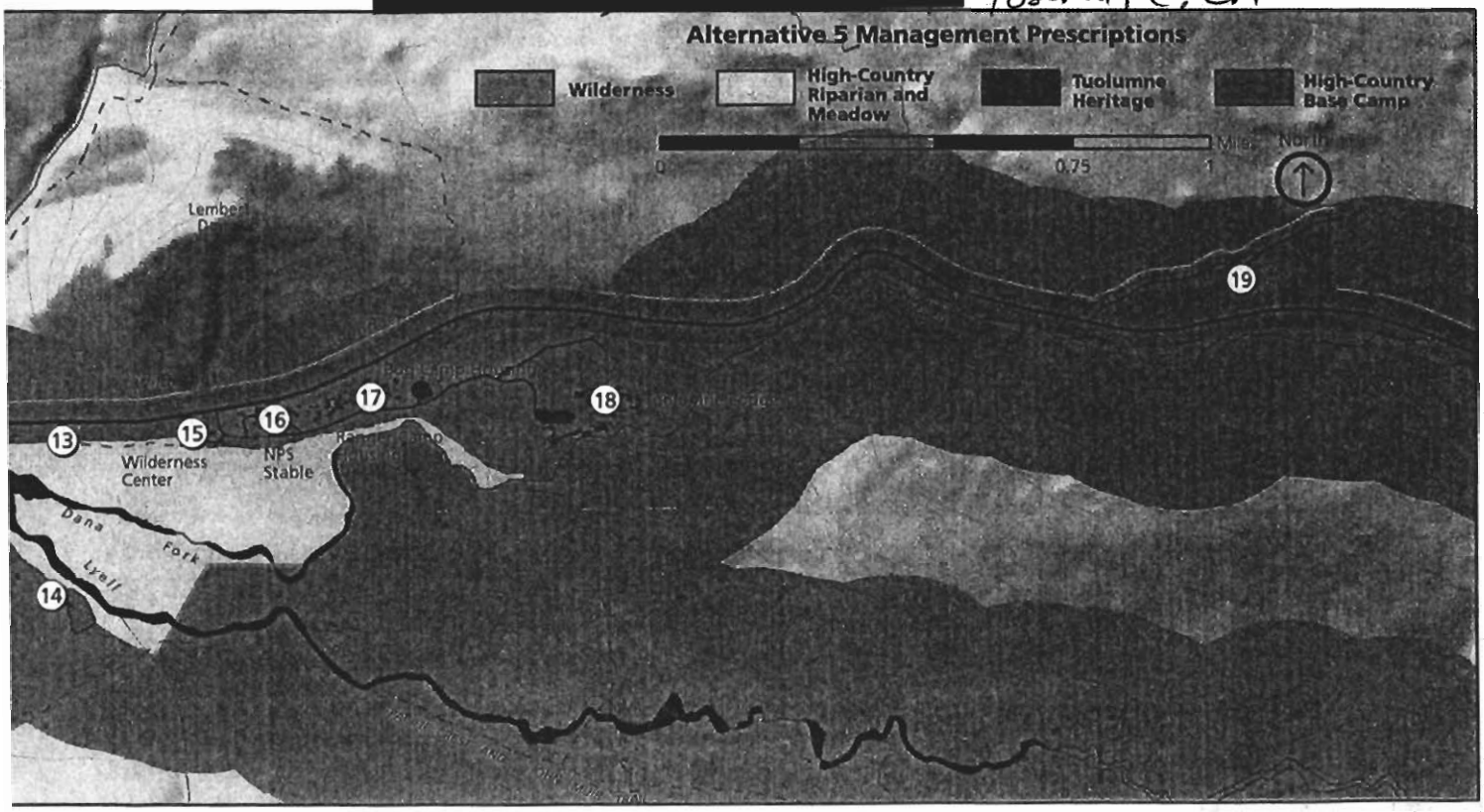

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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? No extra trails especially interpretive trails with signs. Keep whatever informal parking is there. Keep Ranger Stn, Loop A, stables and housing where they are. Providing a public shower facility is a good idea.

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Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Leave Tuolumne Mdws. Lodge where it is. The whole Dana Fork is wild except for that area. Leave Dining Hall and housing - Keep A and D loops. Keep UPS & concessioner housing and wastewater treatment where they are. Keep stables as they are.

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Generally leave things as they are. Moving or closing facilities leaves damaged land behind. Relocating damages new wild lands. Respect the way the TM area has already been developed - it's minimal and has been in response to people's needs. An overall "site plan concept" is not a good idea for a wild fragile area like Tuolumne Meadows. It's better to address individual problems as they come up.

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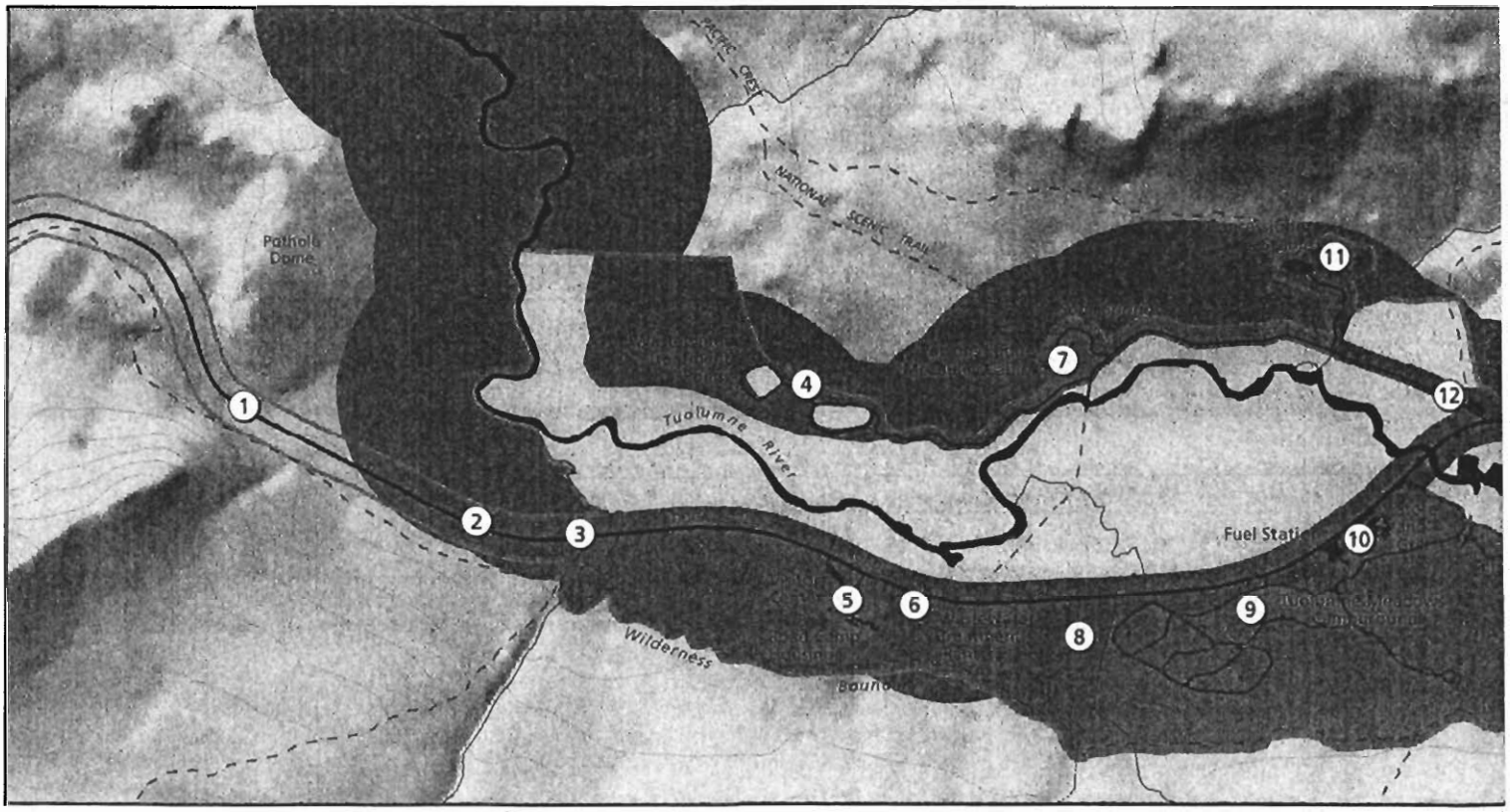
- Build a public shower facility in or near the campground



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Please don't add in interpretive trails with signs ~~signs~~ ~~sign~~ interpretive signs ruin the meadow experience.

Please explain to the public what a bike trail will look like.

"Lodgepole pine management" and "hike bike trail" need more explanation to the public before they can comment well.

Please leave things as they are.

Thank you

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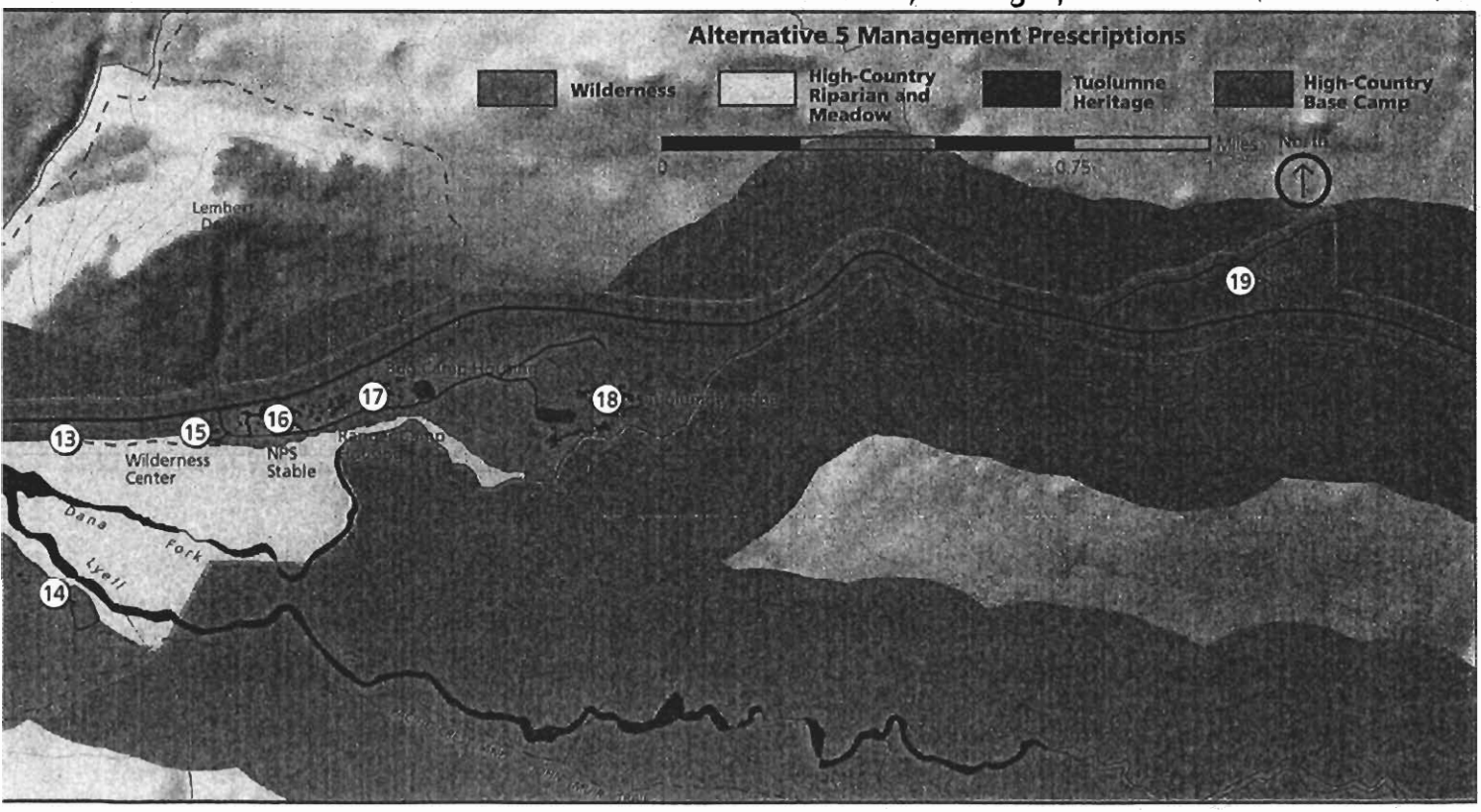

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Site plan concept for alternative 2 (page 20 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Keep shoulder parking. Make Cathedral trailhead with a bathroom and parking lot. Add meadow interp. trail. Retain N.P.S. housing. Repair tent cabins, paint, for long term use. Retain accomodations

Site plan concept for alternative 3 (page 24 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Retain Housing @ Store. Combine NPS & Concession stables (18) remove some lodge housing. Provide more parking and pit toilet @ (3) Do not re-pave roads in Campground.

Site plan concept for alternative 4 (page 28 of this workbook). What do you like or dislike most about this concept? Retain informal parking & social trails. Retain shoulder parking. Put in new toilets in Campgrand Put in pit toilet and trash cans at Olmstead.

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Remove Hetch-Hetchy and designate it "wild and scenic". Spend all money to Restore Hetch Hetchy and leave T.M. as it is. (13) provide Hike-Bike trail & shoulders on Roads.

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Comment Form

What might Tuolumne Meadows look like under alternative 5 (preferred)?

Create your own site plan concept for the preferred zoning alternative

Before we propose a site plan concept for the preferred alternative, we want to hear your views. Using the guidance provided by the desired conditions for the preferred alternative, and the management actions needed to achieve those conditions (see pages 30-31 of the workbook), please describe what you believe are the most important things to accomplish in the site plan for Tuolumne Meadows, and what that would mean in terms of specific facilities at specific locations.

The most important things to accomplish in the preferred alternative site plan for Tuolumne Meadows are:

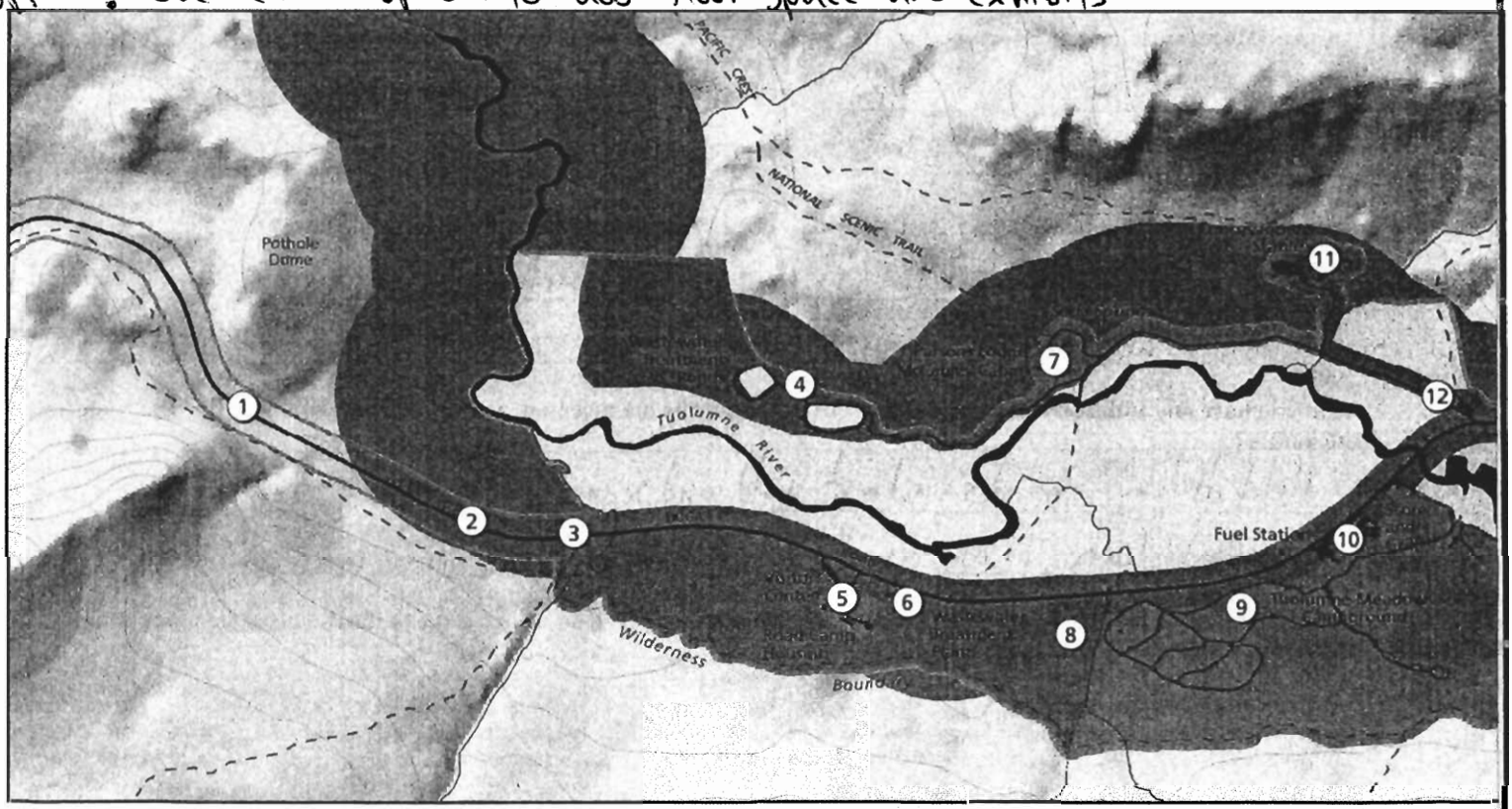
① Provide parking, trash and bathroom facilities at Dog lake, Olmstead pt, Pothole dome Cathedral lakes, Elizabeth lake,

② Remove select sites and cabins that are closer than 200 ft from high-water line on both Dana and Tuolumne (Lyell) forks and replace in better locations.

③ Require stock to dispose of fecal matter propperly, Designate some trails "Stock-free"

④ Maintain and Repair Employee housing for long-term use. Do not build apts. at Gaylor pit.

⑤ Restore wood floor in V.C. and change maintenance office to interp.? V.C. office. use extra space to add floor space and exhibits



This could best be accomplished by the following changes at the locations specified on the Tuolumne Meadows site plan map (please be sure to number your comments so they match the site numbers shown on the map below):

(6) Build composting toilet at Glen Aulin to protect watershed

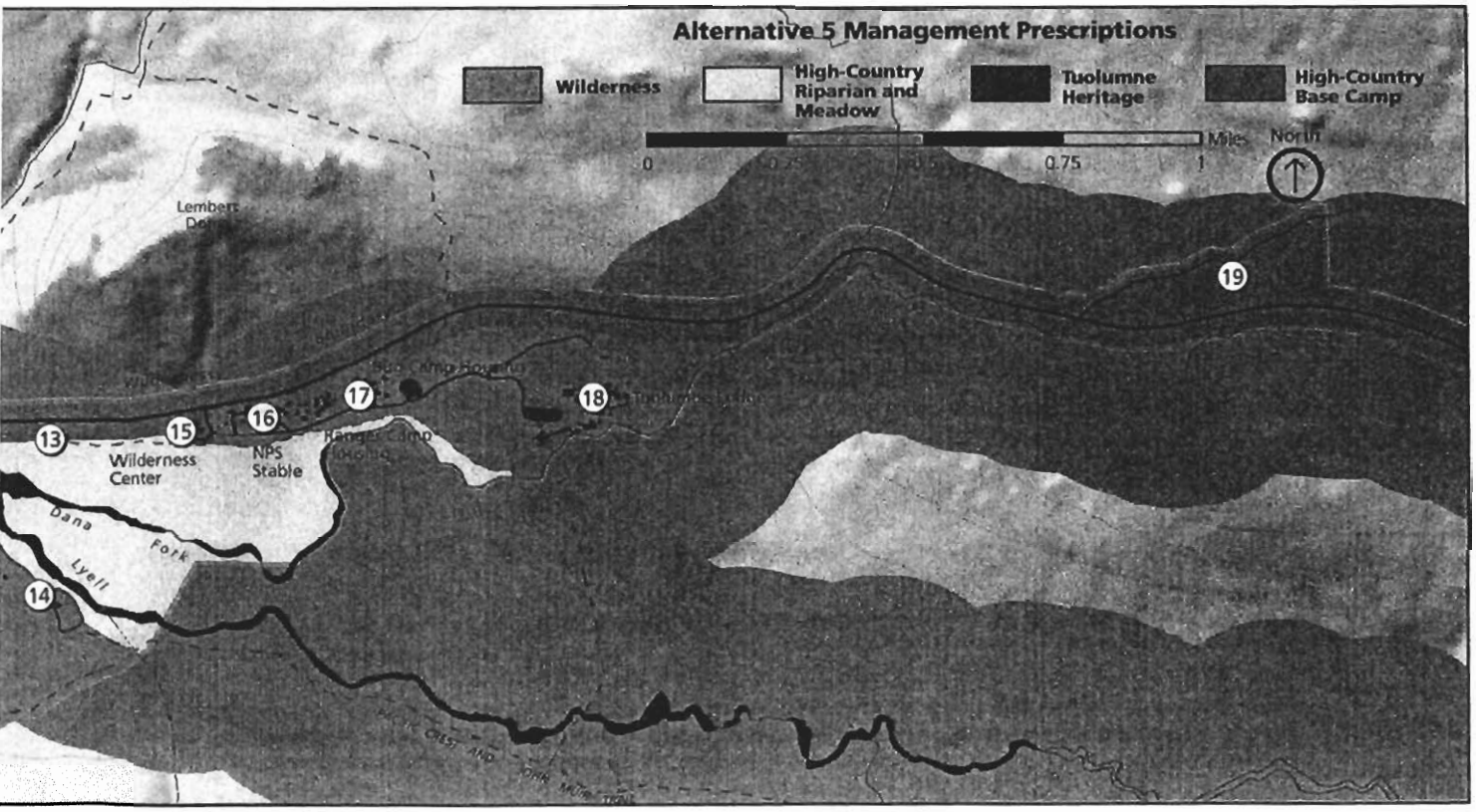
(1) Widen shoulder of roads for bike and traffic safety. put in Boulders to discourage (confine) additional shoulder parking.

(11) Combine stables (NPS & DNC) to area 11 and add gas station & mtn. Shop housing to old N.P.S. stables site.

(19-1) make a bike trail

(4) relocate maintenance facility

(Optional) Please provide your name and city of residence/zip code: Tuolumne Meadows, CA 95389



Create Your Own Site Plan