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Dear Yosemite National Park Superintendent:

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Sincerely,
 Kevin Smith
 Whitewater Kayaker
 Mammoth Lakes, CA

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Sincerely,
Geno Hacker
Whitewater Kayaker
Lake Isabella, CA

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To the Yosemite National Park Superintendent:

I am writing in regards to the Merced River Management Plan. I think that there needs to be some revisions made to the restrictions on boating sections of the Merced River within the park. The Merced River offers boaters many sections of world class whitewater. The current boating restrictions on the Merced River restrict all sections except for the area between Stoneman Bridge and Sentinel Bridge. That's not right. This ban prohibits boating in many areas offering great whitewater and scenery. Use of non-motorized/human powered watercraft provides a near-zero environmental impact form of recreation. Whitewater boaters are an environmentally conscious group and are safety oriented. Whitewater boating on the Merced River also poses no threat to other park visitors. The Park Service should be encouraging responsible, low environmental impact forms of recreation such as whitewater boating. During the Merced River Management Plan process, the park policy should be revised to allow non-motorized boating on all sections of the Merced River.

Sincerely,
Daniel Pankratz
Whitewater Rafter

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Huntington Beach, California

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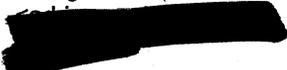
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"Stingaciu, Adrian V"



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Dear Sir or Madame,

I would like to send you my comments on the Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan. As an avid backcountry visitor to Yosemite National Park, I have seen both the beautiful grandeur of the Merced wilderness as well as the filth that is strewn along its trails from pack and saddle stock use. While the use of pack and saddle stock use allows a few to visit the wilderness, it spoils its trails by carving deep ruts into the earth, polutes the water sources vital to people and wild animals, and fouls the air. The Merced River Plan needs to address the currently excessive impacts due to pack and saddle stock uses throughout the Merced River watershed. The riding stables in Yosemite Valley are resulting in contaminated water and eroded trails that are polluted by offensive manure, urine, odors, dust, and flies. The riding stables should be closed, and the site naturalized, as called for in the Yosemite Valley Plan. The High Sierra Camps (HSCs) at Vogelsang, Merced Lake, Sunrise and May Lake are polluting the Merced River and adversely affecting the recreation experience of countless park visitors. All of the HSCs should be closed, and the sites restored. Commercial packstock enterprises must be strictly limited to the handicaped to protect the Merced River corridor and the experience of park visitors who are adversely affected by the many impacts of these operations.

Sincerely,
Adrian Stingaciu



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Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Scoping Comments for the Merced River Plan

Dear Superintendent, Yosemite National Park,

I would like to comment on scoping for the new Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (MRP/EIS). Please place my comments in the public record for the scoping of this document. I have visited Yosemite for more than 40 years and I care deeply about this region.

The Merced River Plan needs to address the currently excessive impacts due to pack and saddle stock uses throughout the Merced River watershed. One specific aspect of this is that the riding stables in Yosemite Valley result in contaminated water in the Merced River. Use of pack stock also results in eroded trails that are polluted by offensive manure, urine, odors, dust, and flies. The riding stables should be closed, and the site naturalized, as called for in the Yosemite Valley Plan. Commercial pack stock enterprises must be strictly limited to protect the Merced River corridor and the experience of park visitors who are adversely affected by the many impacts of these operations.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Dr Michael F Toney

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San Jose, CA 95120
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I write you today to plead with you to re-consider the plan to reduce the number of units in Housekeeping Camp.

Why?

Housekeeping provides some of the most beautiful and comfortable camp sites in all of Yosemite.

1) Situated right on the river, they provide the most intimate connection to the natural power and beauty available to casual every day campers. They have the shelter of Curry Village, but are located right on the river.

2) You can cook. The push to move visitors out of Housekeeping and into Curry is unfair, as you cannot keep food or cook at Curry. That leaves you eating pizza from the concessions, and dramatically increases the cost of camping. Plus family cooking is part of the bonding experience. Cooking out of doors and washing dishes afterwards are rites of passage for young families. Fast food in Curry just does not provide the same experience.

Concession food is expensive (This is a big reason why the plan is labeled elitist, and a play to profit the vendor) limited variety time consuming does not provide family time to work together to prepare and clean up, and care for each other

3) Views are outstanding from camp sites. The plan to make them off limits, in order for brush to grow along banks is a terrible waste. There are hundreds of miles of river available for brush to grow on already. This is not necessary right here.

4) Balance between use and preservation needs to be maintained. The value as a visitor spot outweighs the value as a preservation spot. You don't consider removing the pedestrian bridge at the base of Yosemite falls, because its value outweighs the need to return the spot to its natural environment. This use balance is what defines a park, vs an off limits preserve. Housekeeping is a very high value visitor destination. That value outweighs the lofty plan to return the Merced to its ice age state.

5) Removing the camp sites is outside the scope of the funds granted you to repair flood damage. The sites were not destroyed. Even if they were, your mandate would be to repair or replace them. Not remove viable sites.

Please revisit this part of the plan. Housekeeping is currently booked up solid throughout the season, because it is special. Do not take that away from the families that enjoy it every year.

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To: Yosemite National Park Superintendent

My only comment is that irrespective of the Court's holding on restricting access to the river corridor and irrespective of the National Parks view of a "conditions based adaptive management user capacity approach", I would fervently hope that the ultimate plan will be one in total favor of the environment, for the trees, the bushes, the grass, the rocks, the animals and other, non-human living things, rather than hotels, motels, strip malls, dams, piers, etc., etc., etc.

If proper care and maintenance require restricting the numbers of humans that can visit the area, then so be it. We humans have ruined enough of the wilderness, the rivers and the animal world, we need to protect what little we, as a nation not to mention the world, have, and thats all I have to say.

Thank you for keeping me informed.

Dick Seeley
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La Crescenta, CA 91214-1026
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Sincerely,

Chris Hart
Whitewater Rafter

Saratoga, Wyoming 82331

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Dear Park Superintendent Tollefson and Planning Staff:

I agree with the comment in the "Planning Update" for May 2007 (page 4) that having courts define "user capacity" is both dangerous and improper. If labeling the portion of the Merced River within the Valley as "Wild and Scenic" can result in such an absurdity, including overriding your excellent current Merced River Plan, then either that "Wild and Scenic" status needs to be removed within the Valley or the laws for what such a designation means need to be revised. I was just reading in the San Francisco Chronicle (May 26 front page) how there are no rooms available in the Valley for any night during the entire summer. This is how insane removing all of those cabins at the Yosemite Lodge was without creating comparable replacements elsewhere in the Valley, and I am sure that this stupid "Wild and Scenic" designation was a factor. And as for increasing the park entry fee from \$20 to \$25, I wholly support that increase. That difference is less than two gallons of gas and it is important for users to contribute more to the cost of maintaining and restoring this wonderful park

Sincerely,

Thomas Williams

[Redacted]

Belmont, CA 94002-1636

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PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING FOR THE MERCED RIVER

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Use the *Participant Guide: Planning for the Merced River* and the map on the other side to inform your thinking about the following questions. This document is meant as a visual aid to provoke thought and discussion. Once you've considered the questions, share your thoughts with us at public meetings or by sending them to us. Don't be limited by space—attach additional pages as necessary and feel free to draw directly on your map. Your comments and ideas will help us to understand your thoughts and incorporate them into the planning effort.

Name Deanne West Address [REDACTED]
Date of Comment 5/30/2007

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• Are there areas on the map that stand out as areas of critical importance to you?

OF Special concern is the Aesthetic treatment of any buildings or placement of UNNATURAL barriers out near the mirror lake turnoff

• What kind of natural environment do you want to see?

What kind of social environment? How would you like to see the culture and history of Yosemite preserved and shared?

• What do you love about the Merced River and the Yosemite Valley?

The Rushing sound of it - & the Islands which form as it gets late summer

• What characteristics of the river—scientific, geological, recreation, biological, cultural, and hydrologic processes—are important to you?

after it turns to flow toward the Stables!!

• What types of experiences do you value along the river?

Seeing it flow from my car. Especially when you first enter the valley & then when you're leaving

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What activities do you think are appropriate for the Merced River corridor?

• What kinds of services or facilities would you like to see offered, improved or removed?

1) Up at Happy Isles there should be

Junior Ranger program in that tranquil area near the Nature Center!

I think that the stopping areas are appropriately placed. (For viewing the scenic views!)

Climbing & hiking & biking should be encouraged.

2) A Bike trail should be separated from the river

the shuttle bus idea is good



Public Comment Form

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All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide written comments or suggestions during public review of any project. Please submit written comments to **YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK**, P. O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389 (Attn: <Name of Project>). Written comments may also be faxed to: 209/379-1294. Electronic comments may be transmitted to: yose_planning@nps.gov (in the subject line type: <Name of Project>).

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Project Name: Bike trail to Pohono bridge / re-open river campgrounds
(Please use a separate form or sheet of paper for each project you are commenting on)

Name: Dieter Fiebiger, Parks & Rec. Comm. **Date of Comment:** 5-25-07

Address: P.O. Box 1105, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(present: Upper Pines #32 - one week)
COMMENTS

I and my family are visitors/campers to YNP since 1963 and for many years I have suggested via these comment forms and at your EYY in 2005 to extend the present bike trail system as far out to Pohono-bridge. The last answer I have received has stated that the project was in the "planning stages". Please let me know of any progress made of this issue (if any) and I will forward it in my next commissioners report to my Parks & Rec. commission. P.S. we are extending our present trail system in Mammoth into Mono County.
My second suggestion comprises of more campground

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in the valley, mainly for families who can not afford "lodging"-prices. You may answer: "more people in the valley!" Just take a survey from all the cars with bikes on it. What better way is it to get people out of the village area on an extended bike trail, not to speak of all the rental bikes I see, - It has been 10 years after the 100 year flood and we are still short of part of Lower Pines and Upper and Lower River campgrounds.

Tryout for the first season: one of the above for "overnighters" only on a first come first serve basis, and the other one: "Tents only", and see how it works.

Best regards,
Dieter Fiebiger.

Please reply.



"Angela Caldera"

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Gentlemen:

My involvement with Yosemite started in 1950. That was my first trip there as a camper. And our family tradition continues.

My involvement with the NPS and the Valley Plan started when I received a copy of the 1980 GMP.

My involvement with federal bureaucracy started in 1997 at the open house house in Pasadena Ca. That also continues to date.

I have written many letters to you over the last few years. I have met many of you, though quite a few of those people have moved on. But I'm still here and I have no plans to "move on."

I will again confine my comments to the camping experience that thousands of Americans have enjoyed over the years.

The NPS is continuing their selective discrimination against the largest group of park users - campers. This discrimination is based on socio-economic and ethnic grounds. You can increase the high-end lodging facilities all you want and you will get the high income visitors. These people will not be excluded from the Yosemite experience. But reducing the number of campsites and other low-cost lodging, i.e., Housekeeping, will exclude many low and even middle income visitors, especially young families with children.

Economic discrimination is not new. The by-product is ethnic discrimination. If you price anything high enough you eliminate a great many people. The development and commercialization of the valley must stop.

When I received that Valley Plan book in 1997 you listed all the people and different groups that had been sent a copy to get their input. You did not include any campers on that list. Your "public" process has been flawed from the beginning. I write you again with the same concerns I have had over the years regarding camping.

Yosemite is not a corporation.

Yosemite should not be turned into a wilderness "resort."

Yosemite IS A NATIONAL PARK, preserved so that ALL people can enjoy Her greatness

You may want to call it "environmental justice" but no matter what you call it, it is discrimination. Further reduction or elimination of campsites in the valley is unacceptable. Restore the Rivers campgrounds.

Angela Caldera
Co-Founder
Yosemite Valley Campers Coalition

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El Portal, CA
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Superintendent Michael Tollefson
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA
95389

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity once again to comment on the Merced River Plan. Having lived and worked in Yosemite since 1982 and lived within view of the river in my El Portal home since 1986, I feel a sense of responsibility to share some observations of how this plan may help to better preserve and protect the river resources that Congress intended to protect with the Wild and Scenic River legislation.

If I sometimes sound critical of the NPS please forgive me as I too am the NPS and learn from my success as well as less than successful work and life ventures.

I feel strongly that the NPS needs to do a better job at allowing natural processes to prevail. This is a goal of the GMP, and the MRP should have an emphasis to accomplish these goals. What I have seen over the past twenty-plus years is at times to the contrary with a lack of respect for the river environment. In particular, concerns are the many areas alongside the river used as construction staging areas. Perhaps the environmental compliance that allows for such use states that mitigation will occur but I have not seen the mitigation and have only seen the staging areas turn into degraded areas, or to put it more bluntly DUMPS. I have witnessed some of the most valuable real estate on the planet earth used as landfill with river oxbow topography filled because of poor construction management practices.

Examples include but are not limited to Camp 6, the former Upper and Lower River Campgrounds, the Greenmeyer sand pit in El Portal, the former construction trailer site adjacent the wetlands near the El Portal fiscal office and the dirt area across from the new RMS building in El Portal. All of these substantially degraded areas due to their use as CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREAS received no follow through to mitigate the impact of the staging areas. This sort of mismanagement of areas so close to the river seems at times to be a way to have incremental degradation of the sites to make future development easier. I am not suggesting that this was intentional, yet there has been no intentional mitigation to restore these sites to pre-staging area conditions. Jerry Fischer has had a similar strategy at Yosemite View Lodge and has either placed his employee trailers and most recently, a bone yard and contractor staging areas where he next plans to develop. In addition, he then makes these eyesores magically disappear with his beautifully landscaped three story Motel 6 copies, parking lots and enough light pollution to illuminate the granite walls of the Parkline slabs inside Yosemite National Park.

I lived in Camp 6 in the early eighties. It was a former campground which had evolved into employee housing - tent cabins. The rumor in the eighties was that it was to become a parking lot. The area changed over the next two decades, as it was filled and leveled. Projects such as the construction of the Sentinel Bridge and most recently the Utility work filled remaining low-lying areas, completely changing the soil and plant structure. Comparing aerial photographs of Camp 6 from the 1980's to the present illustrates the degradation.

Upper and Lower River Campgrounds were well on their way to the restoration called for in the YVP EIS. Their use as CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREAS for the utility projects left behind compacted soils and dump piles of asphalt and construction debris. As the high water of the previous two winters moved through these areas, we again see why they were set aside for restoration, except this time the water had to negotiate piles of asphalt and construction spoil pile. These actions are not very appropriate management of the river.

The 1997 flood restored much of the Greenmeyer sand pit in El Portal. Again by allowing this area to be used as a construction staging area for the Emergency repairs of the flood damaged El Portal Road and later the El Portal Road project it was degraded by dumping thousands of cubic yards of rock, soil, concrete and asphalt and grading materials on the banks and bed of the river. Ten years later and again, no mitigation has occurred as is always promised. The same goes for the flat across from the new RMS building where wildflowers were present prior to its

"temporary" use as a batch plant. The temporary power pole and lighting still remain and instead of wildflowers, we have a dirt parking area. Once again, a lack of planning, for if a parking lot was formally planned for the site it would have to conform to state water quality standards and have oil separation filters for the run off. Therefore, like Camp 6, we have another parking area never formally planned and therefore no water quality protection incorporated into the design.

Probably the best way to codify our intent to restore the construction staging areas is to zone them as restoration or revegetation zones. Adding more language to mitigations seems to get lost, and enforcement of mitigation seems to be a bit lax.

The issue of construction staging areas in the river corridor that are never restored is just one example of what I mean when I say we need to show respect for the riverine environment. We need a plan that encompasses more than a narrow river channel, one that protects the floodplain as well. Address use limits- we do not have room for unlimited parking. Move Camp 6 to the north of North Side Drive as the authors of the YVP EIS promised. Allow the free flowing river to shape the landscape, unhindered by construction spoil piles.

Take action to restore the function a healthy river system including the retention of woody debris, logjams, and the restoration of the El Capitan moraine. The human manipulation of the moraine had drastic negative effects on the river ecosystem with major changes to the vegetation and cultural landscape all the way upstream to Yosemite Lodge. Early park settlers witnessed changes to the landscape almost immediately after the moraine was blasted.

Please do not dismiss the restoration of the moraine as an unattainable goal. It is possible to experiment with phased reconstruction using multi ton, nylon polypropylene sand bags. This is an opportunity to show the world that we truly care about the ecological health of the river corridor, and it would be a cool project for restorationists and engineers alike.

I have heard many times over the two and one half decades that I have lived and worked in Yosemite that members of the park staff write off Yosemite Valley as a sacrifice zone. I remain hopeful that future managers dismiss such attitudes and work with nature to restore the processes, which helped form such beauty. In addition, remove inappropriate development to allow such processes to prevail.

Sincerely,

Martin Acree