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16 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
17 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
18 FRESNO DIVISION

19 FRIENDS OF YOSEMITE VALLEY, )  
20 et al., )  
21 Plaintiffs, )  
22 v. )  
23 DIRK KEMPTHORNE, in his )  
24 official capacity as Secretary of )  
25 the Interior, et al., )  
26 Defendants. )

Case No. CV-F-00-6191 AWI DLB

DECLARATION OF JERRY \_\_\_\_\_  
J. VASKE IN SUPPORT OF  
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION  
TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
FOR RELIEF

DATE: October 10, 2006  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Courtroom 3  
JUDGE: Hon. Anthony W. Ishii

26 I, Jerry J. Vaske, declare as follows:

27 1. I am a Professor in the Human Dimensions in Natural Resources Unit, Department of  
28 Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism, Colorado State University. For the past 30 years I

1 have conducted a program of research focused on the application of social psychological theories  
2 (e.g., norms, conflict resolution) and methods to managerial concerns and problems.

3 Additionally, I teach graduate and undergraduate courses on research methodology and statistics.

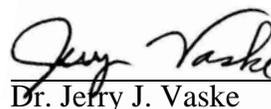
4 2. I earned a PhD. in Social Psychology in 1980 from the University of Maryland; a MA  
5 in Sociology, University of Wisconsin, 1977; and a BA in Sociology and Psychology, University  
6 of Wisconsin, 1973. (Curriculum Vitae Attached)

7 3. In preparing this declaration, I have reviewed the declarations of Glenn Haas in  
8 support of plaintiffs' request for relief, dated January, 2004 and September, 2006. I have also  
9 reviewed the declarations of David Cole (dated February 18, 2004), Robert Manning (dated  
10 February 17, 2004), Jeffery Marion (dated September 15, 2006), Jayne Belnap (dated September  
11 19, 2006), and Mark Vande Kamp (dated September 15, 2006) which have been filed in support  
12 of the National Park Service in this litigation.

13 4. After reviewing the declarations made by Dr. David Cole, Dr. Robert Manning, Dr.  
14 Jeffery Marion, Dr. Mark Vande Kamp, and Dr. Jayne Belnap in support of the National Park  
15 Service in this matter, I find that I am in full agreement with the statements contained in these  
16 declarations.

17 5. Additionally, I am intimately knowledgeable of the development and implementation  
18 of the Yosemite National Park User Capacity Program and find it to be an exemplary model of  
19 visitor use and user capacity management. The indicators, standards, field monitoring protocols,  
20 and program of informed management action to mitigate impacts is widely recognized to be in  
21 accordance with the professional standards of best management practice in the field of natural  
22 resource and visitor use management at this time. I fully endorse the Yosemite User Capacity  
23 Management Program and the application of the VERP process there.

24 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on  
25 September 19, 2006, at Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Dr. Jerry J. Vaske