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HISTORY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public planning process for the *Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias / Final Environmental Impact Statement (Mariposa Grove FEIS)* helped the NPS to understand and fully consider the interests of the public. Individuals, other public agencies, traditionally associated Indian tribes and groups, organizations, and businesses identified various issues and opportunities regarding the *Mariposa Grove FEIS* as part of this comprehensive process. This section describes the public involvement process and summarizes the public comments received during public scoping and review of the *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS*.

PROJECT SCOPING

The purpose of scoping is to conduct an early and open process to identify issues and concerns related to the planning process and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. The National Park Service (NPS) public scoping period for the *Mariposa Grove Plan* was open from August 31, 2011, through February 3, 2012. The NPS held public open houses on August 31, September 28, and December 7, 2011 and January 25, 2012, to inform interested parties about the proposed project and to solicit comments from members of the public in order to understand the spectrum of concerns, interests, and issues that should be considered in the planning process. The park also conducted a public site visit at the Mariposa Grove on October 14, 2011. Approximately 20 interested individuals attended.

The NPS accepted public comments by mail, fax, email, through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) system, and on comment forms available at public scoping meetings. During the public scoping period, the park received 43 letters from 41 individuals and 2 organizations. Analysis of these letters identified 126 discrete substantive comments, from which 15 general concern statements were generated. All comments received during the scoping period were carefully read and considered, and are now part of the administrative record for this project. The public scoping letters and a report summarizing comments are available on the PEPC database at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mariposagrove>.

On June 27, 2012, the park held its monthly open house in Yosemite Valley and shared results of the Choosing By Advantages (CBA) workshop for the *Mariposa Grove Plan* with the public. Design drawings and scoring for each preliminary alternative were presented, and input received led to the reconsideration of some alternatives.

During this period, internal scoping was conducted in consultation with NPS managers and staff, traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups, affected state and federal agencies, and local and state governments.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE *MARIPOSA GROVE DRAFT EIS*

The *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS* was available to the public, federal, state, and local agencies and organizations for a 61-day public review period from March 8, 2013 through May 7, 2013. A Notice of Availability was published in the *Federal Register* on March 8, 2013. Electronic copies of the *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS* were posted to the park's website at

www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mgrove.htm and hard copies and/or CDs of the document were distributed to individuals that requested them, as well as to congressional delegations, state and local elected officials, federal agencies, traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups, organizations and local businesses, public libraries, and the news media. The NPS provided notice of the plan's availability for public comment via a press release distributed to a wide variety of news media and announcements placed on the park's website, online newsletters, printed newsletters, and local public libraries.

Essential elements of the *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS* were presented by park staff at a webinar on April 9, 2013. A recording of the webinar is available at <http://yose.webex.com>.

In addition, park staff hosted two public meetings focused on the *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS*. These meetings consisted of an open house, presentation, and an opportunity to discuss the plan with park staff members and to provide comment. The public meeting schedule was as follows:

April 12, 2013: Public Meeting at Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp, California

April 24, 2013: Yosemite Open House in the Visitor Center Auditorium, Yosemite Valley, California

Public comment letters were received through PEPC website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mariposagrove>, by email at yoseplanning@nps.gov, and by U.S. mail. The full text of public comment letters received can be viewed on the project website at http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mgrove_documents.htm. Personal information included with the comments (e.g., names and contact information) is redacted in the correspondence posted online to protect authors' privacy.

During the 61-day public comment period, the park received 334 public comment letters. One comment letter was from a state agency, five were from organizations, one business, and the remainder originated from unaffiliated individuals. An analysis of these letters identified 356 discrete comments (excluding form letters), from which 68 general concern statements were generated. The results of the public comment analysis process and NPS responses to substantive public comments are provided in Appendix C. The changes to the alternatives under consideration in this *EIS* resulting from public comment are summarized in Chapter 2.

AGENCY CONSULTATION

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, REGULATORY BOARD

The Clean Water Act (Public Law 92-500) requires that federal land agencies consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) regarding wetlands located in or near proposed projects. The NPS is consulting with the Army Corps regarding the *Mariposa Grove FEIS* in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 (33 U.S.C. 403) of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Also under Section 404, permit approval is required for projects that may result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. This includes all navigable waters, their tributaries, impoundments of these waters, and adjacent wetlands. Examples of Section 404 activities include infrastructure development, road fills, and riprap. Some actions proposed in the *Mariposa Grove FEIS* may require permits for the discharge of fill material. The NPS will work with the Army Corps to obtain required Section 404 permits prior to implementing any such actions.

Under Section 10, permit approval is required for the placement of structures in or over, or work in or over, navigable waters of the United States which affects their course, location, condition, or capacity. The NPS will ensure that all Army Corps permit approvals associated with the *Mariposa Grove FEIS* are in place prior to implementation.

The NPS provided a copy of the *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS* to the Army Corps as part of the consultation process, and received a comment letter on the plan in support of the alternative that restores and protects the most waters of the United States. The NPS is working with the Army Corps to ensure that wetland maps associated with the *Mariposa Grove FEIS* are verified per Army Corps standards, prior to submittal of permit applications.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 et seq.) requires federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ensure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by the agency does not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or critical habitat. The NPS originally obtained a list of federally listed endangered and threatened species that may be present in the South Entrance area and Mariposa Grove from the USFWS on November 14, 2011 and compared this list to park records. The list was updated regularly and used as the basis for the special status species analysis in this EIS. On March 15, 2012, the park contacted the USFWS regarding the candidate species Pacific fisher and Sierra Nevada Red Frog regarding timing of possible listing under the Endangered Species Act. On May 3, 2012 the park entered into informal consultation with the USFWS for this project to develop appropriate mitigation measures and proactive habitat improvements. The NPS provided the USFWS with a set of draft mitigation measures to protect the Pacific fisher on June 24, 2013. The USFWS concurred that the measures were adequate on June 25, 2013 (see Appendix E). Should the Pacific fisher be proposed for listing or listed under the Endangered Species Act during implementation of the Mariposa Grove project, the NPS will continue conferencing or consultation with the USFWS as appropriate.

CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The cultural resources investigations and reports for the project were conducted in accordance with the Section 106 process under 36 CFR Part 800, "Protection of Historic Properties," the regulations that implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). A site visit in October 2011 was conducted with the staff of the California State Office of Historic Preservation during the scoping period for the project.

The NPS initiated consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in Sacramento regarding the proposed undertaking at the Mariposa Grove and South Entrance with a letter sent on September 30, 2011. On April 11, 2012, the park sent a letter requesting concurrence for a determination of ineligibility for four archeological sites in the study area. On June 26, 2012 the park sent a letter requesting concurrence on the amendment to the Mariposa Grove consensus determination of eligibility. On February 5, 2013, the NPS received a letter from SHPO that stated concurrence with the boundaries of the Area of Potential Effects, or APE; and the recommended eligibilities, as well as agreement that historic properties have been sufficiently identified. The NPS is developing a draft Memorandum of Agreement with the SHPO as part of consultation for this project. A draft version is included in Appendix G. The final Memorandum of Agreement will be included in the Record of Decision for the Mariposa Grove FEIS. The SHPO will be a signatory on the Memorandum of Agreement.

NPS is consulting with the SHPO under the four-step process outlined in 36 CFR Part 800 rather than an existing programmatic agreement. The NPS will continue to communicate with the SHPO through design and construction of the project as needed. The NPS will serve as the lead agency on behalf of the Army Corps, regarding future consultation with the SHPO regarding permits.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

The NPS works with state and local government agencies to maintain the highest possible water quality standards and to take action to restore substandard waters, as directed by NPS Management Policies 2006 and Director's Order 84, Public Health (2004).

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) are the regulatory boards within California's Environmental Protection Agency that derive their authority from Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and Section 13020 of the California Water Code. The SWRCB allocates rights to the use of surface water and, along with the regional boards, is charged with protecting surface, ground, and coastal waters throughout the state. The RWQCB issues permits that govern and restrict the amount of pollutants discharged into the ground or surface water, which includes regulating storm water during construction activities.

Under the Clean Water Act's Section 401, every applicant for a federal permit or license for any activity that may result in a discharge to a water body must obtain State Water Quality Certification that the proposed activity will comply with state water quality standards, if an activity would result in a discharge to a water body.

Yosemite National Park is under the jurisdiction of Regional Board 5, Central Valley, and obtains any necessary permits and/or certifications for construction activities from that board. If required, the NPS would file a Notice of Intent to discharge storm water and prepare and implement provisions of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to control run-off from construction activities. The NPS provided a copy of the *Mariposa Grove Draft EIS* to the RWQCB, who in turn notified the NPS that they will provide input as part of future permitting processes, as necessary.

AMERICAN INDIAN CONSULTATION

Yosemite National Park consults with seven traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups that have ancestral connections to Yosemite National Park: the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc. (aka Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation), Bishop Paiute Tribe, Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians. The NPS initiated consultation with these tribes and groups in a letter dated October 19, 2011 (with a subsequent correction letter dated November 28, 2011).

Tribal consultation for this project has included numerous meetings and tribal site visits. In addition to consultation meetings with individual tribal groups, all traditionally associated tribes and groups were invited to:

- an informational project scoping meeting on January 5, 2012. Representatives from the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc. and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians attended.

- a site visit to the Mariposa Grove on January 11, 2012. Representatives from the American Indian Council of Mariposa County and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians attended.
- a site visit on May 22, 2012. Representatives from the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians attended.
- a site visit on April 2, 2013. Representatives from the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California attended.
- a site visit on July 10, 2013. Representatives from the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, and the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians attended.

The Mariposa Grove Restoration Plan was also discussed at the All Tribes meeting in Lee Vining on July 12, 2013.

Throughout the tribal consultation process, traditionally associated tribes and groups brought forward a range of issues, concerns, and proposed actions, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Protect traditionally significant archeological sites;
- Remove the gift shop from the Mariposa Grove and restore the area to protect archeological resources;
- Avoid removing black oaks;
- Avoid impacts to mature trees;
- Avoid shifting impacts to previously undisturbed areas;
- Consider elevated trails to minimize effects on the sequoia roots;
- Retain access to Wawona Point for tribal traditional cultural practices;
- Enhance picnicking opportunities;
- Minimize impacts of restrooms in the lower Grove area (consider keeping vault toilets);
- Provide opportunities for Native American youth to participate in project implementation;
- Reduce the scale of the parking lots to lessen impacts on resources by keeping shuttle operation in Wawona; and
- Include information about Native American connections to the Mariposa Grove in interpretive components.

The NPS has worked with the tribes and groups to integrate these proposed actions into the project, and strongly considered these issues and concerns throughout the development of the alternatives. Under all alternatives, the gift shop would be carefully removed from the archeological site that it was constructed on in the lower Grove area. Plans for developing a shuttle staging area in the lower Grove area were also modified between the *Draft* and *Final EIS* to ensure protection of archeological sites, black oaks and other mature trees, where feasible. Elevated trails (including boardwalks) are part of the design of all new proposed accessible trails. Access to Wawona Point for tribal gatherings

would continue. Trailside interpretive components to emphasize Native American connections to the Mariposa Grove would be focused within the sequoia grove. The NPS is actively pursuing opportunities to engage American Indian youth in project implementation, particularly in trail construction.

The NPS minimized the size of the South Entrance parking lot to the extent possible to meet the goals of the plan. Alternatives 2 through 4 in the EIS do not leave the large shuttle operation from Wawona to the Mariposa Grove, as proposed by some traditionally associated tribal groups. Rather, the shuttle operation from Wawona would be substantially reduced, as more parking would be available closer to the Grove at the South Entrance. This will reduce congestion and roadside parking in Wawona and eliminate backtracking (e.g., visitors who drive to the Grove from Yosemite Valley or the South Entrance often find the lot at the Grove or South Entrance full and then have to drive to Wawona to park and then take the shuttle to the Grove).

The NPS will continue to work with traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups throughout project design, implementation, and development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the SHPO. The MOA will include stipulations to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse effects to historic properties with traditional cultural and religious significance to American Indian tribes. The Draft MOA is in Appendix G; the signed final MOA will be a part of the Record of Decision for the final Mariposa Grove EIS. Traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups are invited to be a concurring party on the MOA.

FUTURE INFORMATION

The *Mariposa Grove FEIS* is available on the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at (<http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/mariposagrove>). To request printed documents or CDs, please e-mail (yose_planning@nps.gov) or call (209) 379-1202. A minimum 30-day no-action period will follow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency noticing of the availability of the *Mariposa Grove FEIS* in the Federal Register. The NPS will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days after release of the FEIS. After approval of the ROD by the Regional Director, the park will announce the selected plan through local and regional press and on the project website. The official responsible for project implementation is the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park.

For further information, visit the park website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mgrove or contact:

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LIST OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES RECEIVING THE RESTORATION OF THE MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The following pages list the agencies, organizations, and businesses who received a hard copy or CD of the *Final EIS*.

U.S. Government

Legislature

Members of Congress

Federal Agencies

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Bass Lake Ranger District

Sierra National Forest

U.S. Department of Defense

Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Board

U. S. Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Regional Office

National Park Service

Pacific West Regional Office

NPS Water Resources Division

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Regional Office

American Indian Tribes and Groups

American Indian Council, Mariposa County

Bishop Paiute Indian Council

Bridgeport Paiute Indian Colony

Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians

Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Paiute Indian Community

North Fork Mono Indian Museum

North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Tuolumne Mewuk Rancheria

Western Mono Tribal Government

County and Local Governments

Fish Camp

Advisory Council

Property Owners Association

Madera County

Board of Supervisors

Planning Department

Mariposa County

Board of Supervisors

Planning Department

El Portal Town Planning Advisory Committee

Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee

Merced County

Board of Supervisors

Planning Department

Visitor Bureaus

Bass Lake Chamber of Commerce, Bass Lake
Coarsegold Chamber of Commerce, Coarsegold

Eastern Madera County Chamber of Commerce

Mariposa County Visitors Center (Chamber of Commerce), Mariposa

Merced Visitor Services / California

Welcome Center, Merced

North Fork Chamber of Commerce, North Fork

Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce, Oakhurst

Yosemite Chamber of Commerce, Groveland

Yosemite / Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, Mariposa

Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau, Oakhurst

California State Government

State Agencies and Organizations

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region #4
California Department of Transportation
California State Clearinghouse
California Office of Historic Preservation
California Regional Water Quality Control
Board #5F (Central Valley)

Organizations and Businesses

Backcountry Horsemen of California
California Native Plant Society, Foothills
Chapter
California Native Plant Society, Sequoia
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Central Sierra Environmental Resource
Center
Delaware North Corporation
Foothill Conservancy
Friends of Yosemite
High Sierra Hikers Association
Mariposans for the Environment and
Responsible Government
National Audubon Society
National Parks and Conservation
Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Native Habitats
Natural Resources Defense Council
NatureBridge Yosemite
Sierra Club
Sierra Mono Museum
The Redwoods in Yosemite
Yosemite Conservancy
Yosemite Restoration Trust

Libraries

Mariposa County Library, El Portal
Mariposa County Library, Wawona
Mariposa County Library, Mariposa
Madera County, Library, Oakhurst

Public Media

Newspapers

Associated Press
Fresno Bee
Mariposa Gazette
Merced Sun-Star
Modesto Bee
Mountain Democrat
Oakland Tribune
Sacramento Bee
San Francisco Chronicle
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