

to access other destinations in Yosemite Valley. Day use vehicles and parking would be removed from the east end of the valley. Changes to circulation and campgrounds are also proposed.

Alternative 2 proposes an increase in interpretive and educational programs through partnerships with supporting organizations. Some cultural resources would be affected by the proposed actions.

Alternatives

In addition to the proposed action, three other alternatives are presented and analyzed. Alternative 1 (no action), continues implementation of the GMP, but without a comprehensive approach. Implementing this alternative would allow for approximately 41 acres to be restored to natural conditions and 15 acres redesigned to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. Alternative 3 is similar to the proposed action but provides an orientation/transfer facility with some interpretive functions in the west end of the valley at Pohono Quarry. Implementing this alternative would allow for approximately 143 acres to be reclaimed and restored to natural conditions, 93 acres redesigned, and 38 acres developed to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. Alternative 4 (minimum requirements) would provide for implementation of the GMP in a manner more comprehensive than the no action alternative but with less habitat restoration and fewer improvements than Alternative 2 and Alternative 3. Implementing Alternative 4 would allow for approximately 118 acres to be reclaimed and restored to natural conditions, 95 acres redesigned, and 36 acres developed to accommodate relocated facilities or functions. Under this alternative, there would be no orientation/transfer facility and day use vehicles would continue to park in the east end of the valley.

Public Meetings

A series of informational Open Houses will be held to provide members of the public with an informal opportunity to learn about the Draft Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan, the major issues, and the results of impact and mitigation analyses. NPS staff will be available to discuss the alternatives and answer questions, and exhibits illustrating elements of the proposal and alternatives will be displayed. The Open House sessions have been scheduled as follows:

Nov. 13—Yosemite Valley 3:00–8:00 p.m.
Nov. 17—Fresno area 4:00–9:00 p.m.

Nov. 18—Los Angeles area 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Nov. 20—San Francisco 2:00–8:00 p.m.
Nov. 22—Mammoth Lakes 4:00–9:00 p.m.

In addition, a series of Public Workshops will be held to provide NPS staff an opportunity to hear concerns and suggestions from the public. In contrast to a formal public hearing, the workshops will afford interested individuals and organization representatives the opportunity to verbally offer input and engage in dialog about the range of alternatives, elements of alternatives, and issues involved. This dialog is intended to provide additional guidance to the NPS in preparing a Final Yosemite Valley Implementation Plan. This series of Workshops has been scheduled as follows:

Dec. 1—Fresno area 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Dec. 2—Los Angeles area 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Dec. 4—San Francisco 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Dec. 6—Mammoth Lakes 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Dec. 10—Yosemite Valley 2:00–4:00 p.m.

For directions to public meeting locations or information about other activities (including site visits), please contact the Superintendent's office as noted below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the DSEIS will be available for public inspection at the park and area libraries, and at the Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC; and Pacific West Regional Office, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA. Requests for copies of the document should be directed to: Superintendent, Attn: VIP-PIO, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389, or by telephone at (209) 372-0265. The draft document will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/planning>. All comments should be directed to the Superintendent at the above address. Written comments must be postmarked no later than January 23, 1998; comments also will be accepted via the Internet (per above) if transmitted no later than January 23, 1998.

Decision

After the formal DSEIS review period has concluded, all comments and suggestions received will be considered in preparing a final plan. Currently the final SEIS and plan are anticipated to be completed during spring or summer, 1998; their availability will be similarly announced in the **Federal Register**.

Subsequently a Record of Decision would be executed no sooner than 30 (thirty) days after release of the final SEIS. The responsible officials are John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region and Stanley T. Albright, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park.

Dated: October 31, 1997.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Death Valley National Park; Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Commission Act that a meeting of the Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission will be held November 20 and 21, 1997; assemble at 9:00 AM at the Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley, California.

The main agenda will include:

1. General Park Orientation
2. Park Updates on Issues and Projects
3. Commission Organization
4. Northern and Eastern Mojave Planning Update
5. Wilderness and Backcountry Planning Update

The Advisory Commission was established by PL #03-433 to provide for the advice on development and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Members of the Commission include Michael Prather and Michael Dorame of Lone Pine, California; Joan Lolmaugh and Alan Peckham of Las Vegas, Nevada; Gilbert Zimmerman of Rancho Mirage, California; Stanley Hays of Ridgecrest, California; Wayne Schulz of Mariposa, California; Sue Hickman of Yermo, California; Mark Ellis of Santa Clarita, California; Janice Allen of Olancho, California; Calvin Jepson and Pauline Esteves of Death Valley, California; Gary O'Connor of Goldfield, Nevada; Robert Revert of Beatty, Nevada; and Kathy Davis of Apple Valley, California.

This meeting is open to the public.

Richard H. Martin,

Superintendent, Death Valley National Park.

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