

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
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Public Input Sought on Mineral King Management Plan
Public scoping period open from April 19, 2010 through June 30, 2010

The National Park Service (NPS) invites the public to participate in scoping for the Mineral King Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (MKMP). The last comprehensive plan for the Mineral King Area was completed in 1980. The purpose of this plan is to evaluate recommendations from park-wide planning documents and determine which would be implemented through the MKMP; to address current and future needs related to visitor use, natural and cultural resources protection, and land protection; to provide long-term management direction for the Mineral King area; and to establish direction and guidance for the protection of the Mineral King Road Cultural Landscape District.

Public scoping is an opportunity for interested individuals, organizations, agencies, and tribes to provide thoughtful, relevant information or suggestions for consideration by park managers before alternatives are developed and analyzed for the MKMP.

Four meetings are scheduled to help facilitate public involvement and to provide you with more information on the draft project purpose, needs, and objectives. The meetings will begin with a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer period. The public will then be invited to discuss their interests and concerns with park staff in an open house forum. The NPS is also drafting architectural design guidelines for the Mineral King Cultural Landscape District and a preliminary draft document will be available for review and discussion at the public scoping meetings. If you would like a copy of these draft guidelines once they are ready for public review, please contact Cultural Resource Specialist Tom Burge at (559) 565-3139.

Public Scoping Meetings:

Thursday, May 6, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tulare County Education Center ("The Pit")
2637 West Burrel
Visalia, CA 93278
559-733-6300

Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Three Rivers Union Elementary School Gymnasium
41932 Sierra Drive
Three Rivers, CA 93271
(559) 561-4466

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Bakersfield College
The Fireside Room (Center of Campus)
1801 Panorama Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93305
(661) 395-4221

Saturday, June 12, 2010, noon to 3 p.m.
Mineral King Valley (exact location to be determined)
Potluck lunch followed by a discussion and question and answer session

If you cannot attend any of the meetings, information and materials related to public scoping will be available online by selecting Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks at the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>, or you may contact Environmental Protection Specialist Nancy Hendricks at (559) 565-3101 for printed versions of the materials. Public comment may also be submitted at this website, or you may direct comments regarding this project to the park in writing by sending an e-mail to seki_planning@nps.gov, or by mail or hand delivery to:

Superintendent
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Attn: Mineral King Management Plan
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA 93271

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All comments must be received by June 30, 2010.

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