

Pendleton, Oregon. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 10 a.m. on February 13, 2001. The following topics will be discussed by the council: RAC membership update; Hells Canyon Subgroup update; Blue Mountain Subgroup update; ICBEMP Subgroup update; OHV Subgroup update; Noxious Weeds Subgroup update; Program of work review; Counties Payment Act (1608 Act); and a 15 minute round table for general issues.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Yosemite Valley Plan, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa, Madera, and Tuolumne Counties, California; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared and approved a Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Yosemite Valley Plan for Yosemite National Park. The decisions reached are consistent with the Revised Record of Decision for the Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

DECISION: The National Park Service (NPS) will implement actions, strategies, and programs encompassed in Alternative 2 as described in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Yosemite Valley Plan. The selected alternative provides for an overall combination of actions to restore natural processes in Yosemite Valley, preserve cultural resource values, reduce harmful environmental impacts (including those related to traffic congestion), and continue to provide opportunities for high-quality visitor experiences based upon resource values. This course of

action and four alternatives were identified and analyzed in the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (issued April 2000 and November 2000 respectively). The NPS identified Alternative 2 as presented in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement as the "environmentally preferred" alternative. Elements of the selected alternative are to be implemented as soon as practical.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND CONSULTATION: The Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEIS) on the Yosemite Valley Plan were prepared by the NPS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. A Notice of Intent to initiate this conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1998. General issues and specific concerns already raised during previous relevant planning processes were provided to the public. Scoping comments were received through February 1, 1999. The Draft Yosemite Valley Plan/SEIS was formally announced for public review per Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2000. The Final Yosemite Valley Plan/SEIS was announced on November 21, 2000. From initiation of the scoping process through December 26, 2000 when the "No Action" period for the Final Yosemite Valley Plan/SEIS officially concluded, almost 11,000 written responses were received (all written comments will be archived and available for public review in the park's research library). In addition, over 150 public meetings, discussions, and briefings (attended by over 1500 individuals and representatives of organizations, Tribes, elected officials, and congressional delegations) were conducted in the park, throughout California, and in Seattle, Washington; Denver, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; and Washington, DC.

The NPS also consulted with various regulatory and resource protection agencies including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, State Historic Preservation Office, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. As a result of these collaborations, as well as the public involvement indicated above, four action alternatives and appropriate mitigation strategies were identified, compared, and refined.

COPIES: Interested parties can review the Record of Decision on the NPS website at www.nps.gov/yose/planning. Copies can also be obtained by contacting the Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, California

95389; via telephone request at (209) 372-0261; or via email request at yose_planning@nps.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of the Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT, and in the Control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Salt Lake City, UT

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in possession of the Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT, and in control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Salt Lake City, UT.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 102.2(c). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of these cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Bureau of Reclamation and Utah Museum of Natural History professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians of the Kaibab Indian Reservation, Arizona; San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe of Arizona; White Mesa Ute Tribe; Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah; Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation, Colorado; and the Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah.

In 1962, human remains representing one individual were collected from a site near Bicknell, Wayne County, UT, under a memorandum of agreement between the Department of