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Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

Dear Sir or Madam:

In general, I like the proposed Tunnel View rehabilitation (preferred alternative 2)--especially clearing the view of trees blocking the views, widening the sidewalk viewing area, adding a viewing area in the South Parking lot, and slowing traffic. I feel the tree problem is another symptom of lack of fires in the valley causing an overgrowth of trees blocking views at Tunnel View and elsewhere (such as Vernal Falls from the downstream Merced River bridge).

First, I had difficulty finding this EA and others (such as for Tuolumne Meadows). Your park management webpage
`http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/`
has a link "Park Planning and Projects" that takes you to an "archive" page at
`http://www.nps.gov/archive/yose/planning/`
which takes you to a duplidate, but out-of-date Tunnel View webpage that doesn't mention this EA:
`http://www.nps.gov/archive/yose/planning/tunnelview/`
Please fix your website by removing old links and duplicate, outdated webpages. I was finally able to find this EA from a link in a newspaper article.

Improve drainage (p. 2-3) would help prevent icing of the parking lot and road. However, consistent clearing of drains and not creating of snow berms in the parking lot will also help prevent roadway icing.

Restrooms (pp. 2-11) could be installed at the underused south end of the South Parking lot. No water or sewer lines are needed if the traditional vault or composing toilets are used. The Bridalveil Fall parking lot is often crowded or full and the next restrooms (Chinquipin or Swinging Bridge) are several miles away.
From personal observation, the Inspiration Point trailhead appears to be often used as a substitute restroom.
Another alternative could be adding vault toilets at the west end of the Wawona Tunnel, with a sign at Tunnel View.

The Inspiration Point trailhead should have a better sign and map explaining the historical highlights on the trail.
The Inspiration Point Nature Trail leaflet, "Guide to the Inspiration Point Nature Trail"
`http://www.yosemite.ca.us/library/yosemite_nature_notes/37/37-5.pdf`
should be reprinted (with an update on fire, #5) and made available in a vending machine.

Interpretive signs in the viewing areas could more-fully explain:

- Historical entryways into Yosemite Valley, such as the old Big Oak Flat Road and old Wawona Road.
- Disappearing meadows no longer visible due to lack of fires
- Impacts on people and wildlife by feeding rodents

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YOSE Web Manager
Sent by: Jeffrey Trust

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To: YOSE Planning@NPS
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Subject: From NPS.gov: TUNNEL VIEW PARKING AREA TREE REMOVAL

Email submitted from: /yose/contacts.htm

As a visitor to Yosemite Park, I read with coniderable interest, the Sunday, September 30, 2007 newspaper article, originally published in the San Jose Mercury News, and reprinted in my local paper, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, which discussed the National Park Service's Tunnel View Plan . The considerations cited included aesthetics and improvement of traffic flow and those are certainly germane to any governmentally overseen, owned, and operated facility or wilderness. Although typically averse to tree removal, I could be persuaded to accept the trade-offs independent of the imprimatur of the Sierra Club(which may have its own organizational imperatives to consider and evaluate in approving that part of the overall proposal). One question arises, however, has there been any thought about re-planting the various trees elsewhere assuming that the trees themselves are still healthy and would , in the absence of the cutting, continue to grow? The federal government should seek to manage all of its resources responsibly, and that includes avoidance of waste, i.e., killing trees (even ponderosas and the other unidentified species, that are not on any endangered or threatened list)when there are other choices--replanting, donation, sale to third-parties, use at other locations. Please consider exercising wise choices. Sincerely, [redacted] San Dimas,CA 91773

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Dear Mr. Tollefson: Thank you for the subject document which I received today. I reviewed it and have a few comments;

1. There is a confusing typographical error on page ES-1, paragraph 3, line 3, 2nd last word, should be **"east" instead of "west".**

2. Table 5 on page 3-45 seems to indicate that autos will not be allowed to make left turns into the north lot in the new plan. If this is true, I take issue with the parking analysis using the data on page 3-38 which is based on the present configuration allowing left turns into the north lot Most of the visitors to this viewpoint are eastbound. With the improved view from the tunnel as shown on page 3-47 many more these eastbound visitors will desire to stop for the view This will increase pressure for parking in the south lot while perhaps (if no left turns are allowed) relieving pressure on the north lot. It seems rather shortsighted to diminish the south lot by8 (23%) spaces 4 of them for the sake of some kind of new trailhead platform, when what the trialhead people need most are temporary parking spots to load or unload. By the way, most of these trailhead people are going westbound(up from the valley) to get to the trailhead. Will they be allowed to make a left turn into the south lot?

3. A word about the trees. When I was there this summer, I was appalled by the way the non-native trees obscured the view, forcing everyone to bunch up at the meager space where the view could still be obtained. Your report truthfully, but not maybe as forcefully as it should, depicts this I say, **"WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?".** I do not see why tree removal to **sustain and maintain** a historic vista needs to be part of this expensive environmental study. It should be well within the Superintendent's authority, and yes **duty and responsibility, to maintain a historic vista** such as this one. The fact that the vista has deteriorated to the extent that it has might be stretched by some to be a case of "dereliction of duty". I say get a couple of lumberjacks out there **NOW** and in 2 hours the problem can be fixed with a couple of big chainsaws. If there are any visitors present they will give a cheering round of applause for every obstructing tree that goes down Let the chips and trees fall where they may and let nature take its course. After all these trees could be struck down tomorrow by lightning or wind, and who would take issue with that? Of course it would take someone with a little backbone to face the tree-huggers, but what the heck, better they expend energy on fighting for cut down trees than dreaming up more costly idiotic causes that make no sense in terms of the **real environment which all of us love and want to preserve.**

Sincerely [redacted] Los Altos CA

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We were visitors to Yosemite last month for the very first time and loved the park. We stopped twice at the Tunnel view northside parking/viewing lot to take photos and didn't really have a problem seeing around the trees growing below the viewing area.

Perhaps rather than cutting down the beautiful Ponderosa Pines and Incense Cedars, their limbs could merely be trimmed to afford a wider view during the height of tourist season if that seems to be a real issue.

It's painful to think those wonderful trees might be cut down when they do provide so much beauty and their branches can easily be used to frame a photograph of the valley. These trees' roots must also help to keep the hillside vegetation and soils in place and must help in times of water erosion. They also provide resting places for the many wildlife and birds of the area and even give tourists a closer view of the wildlife at that level of the park.

Rather than take up valuable space with a bathroom rest area, why not use road signage to advise drivers where the next rest area is - they can always return to the Tunnel view area later in their visit.

Sincerely,
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Allen, TX
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Hi YNP:
First off, I would like to thank you for seeking public input on the project. I have been attending the park for many of the 25+ years we have lived in Calif. having moved here from "back East". Yosemite is one our most treasured visiting spots and I am very concerned with any human attempts to change
the park. This project especially concerns us.

I'm not sure what is driving the NPS to want to take on this project to restore Tunnel view to the way it was in the 30's. Maybe its the current climate
in our government to change for the sake of change. However, there is a cost. In recent years many of our trips have been impacted by current
construction that is occurring in the park. Running heavy equipment, the noise and dusty air compromised our visits. Smog in Yosemite valley is
clearly not in the public interest.

Restoring the park to the original view would require the removal of day-use parking and bus parking spots. This point seems to be conveniently
left off the plan as removing any parking in the valley is so politically charged. If parking removal was included, I would be more inclined to agree with
the project. The removal of some 20+ mature pines makes NO sense. This is a park that was set aside from development by Teddy R. to PRESERVE
the beauty of the park - not to perform surgery on the park to create some unnatural views so more people can be packed into the park for photo's.

Bottom Line I would vote no on this Tunnel view project. I would like to see the park PRESERVED and not be subject to added commercialism and
expansions to accommodate more traffic. Such changes will destroy this park maybe not in the next few year but certainly in the future. We need to respect Teddy's wishes for Yosemite.

Thank you for your consideration

[redacted] Saratoga Calif

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Los Angeles, CA
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Superintendent
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to "Tunnel View Rehabilitation", October, 2007.

One of the guidelines in the management of Yosemite Valley and other areas of the park should be the preservation of historic appearance and vistas to whatever extent possible. A main action of this proposal, the removal of view obstructing trees, seems to be in accordance with this principle.

Sincerely yours,

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I am opposed to your plan to cut trees at Tunnel View Overlook. Yes, before the trees it was a lovely expansive view of the valley. However, the Yosemite experience happens up close to nature, down on the valley floor or climbing the many trails, in amongst the trees, beside the river, and feeling the mist from the falls. Picture postcard photographs don't bring one close to nature. If some trees blocking the "perfect" view make more people want to get down into the valley to see what was "hidden", then so much the better.
Our parks aren't about spectating; they're about experiencing. Cutting down healthy trees is sacrilegious to the mission of the parks. Encourage people by your actions to be stewards of the beauties of nature, not consumers.

Sincerely,
[redacted]
Monterey, CA 93940

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Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation EA
PO Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

Dear Mr. Tollefson,

These comments on the Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation EA are being submitted by The Yosemite Committee of the Sierra Club on behalf of the Sierra Club.
The Sierra Club supports rehabilitation of the Tunnel View Overlook. Alternative 2 of the EA has taken most of the concerns we have about the project into consideration. We have the following comments.

Public safety is of utmost concern. You have considered this issue and have identified ways to mitigate traffic flow problems and the safety of pedestrians crossing the road. Having only one crossing for pedestrians is a good idea. Everything possible should be done to slow down traffic emerging from the tunnel. We expect that signs before entering the tunnel and in the tunnel to warn drivers of impending congestion will be designed tastefully and in fitting with park values. Garish flashing lights and intrusive designs should be avoided as much as possible.

Providing a left turn into the north side parking lot immediately upon leaving the tunnel creates a dangerous situation. Drivers emerging from the tunnel into bright sunlight with an immediate optional left turn could become confused. Would it be possible to have over size vehicles and automobiles make their left turn into this parking lot at its east end instead of making an abrupt left turn right at the tunnel exit? In any case the exit from the tunnel seems to be the most dangerous spot in the project and everything possible should be done to mitigate this problem. We are not experts on traffic safety therefore we suggest that someone with expertise in traffic safety look at the issue and give you advice on the safest way to handle this problem. Traffic flow and pedestrian safety would not be a serious problem for west bound traffic leaving the valley.

Consideration could be given to either an overpass or underpass for pedestrians who must cross the road. We understand the cost of such a feature may be beyond the funds available for this project but it would be helpful to know if that option has been explored.

We support not providing any significant increase in parking spaces in the project area.

We also support removing trees that have grown up around the view area since it was constructed. The view of Yosemite Valley from the overlook is one of most iconic and dramatic in the entire National Park System and should remain one of the major experiences visitors enjoy in a visit to Yosemite National Park.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Joe Fontaine
Chair Yosemite Committee, Sierra Club

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Cc: CONS-CNRCC-YOSEMITE-COMM@LISTS.SIERRACLUB.ORG
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 2:33 PM
Subject: Tunnel View Rehabilitation Project.

Please find attached comments on the Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation Project in Yosemite National Park. These comments represent the Sierra Club regarding this project
Joe Fontaine
Chair, Yosemite committee
Sierra Club

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2 November 2007

Superintendent
Yosemite National Park
ATTN: Tunnel View Project
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Yosemite, CA 95389

An attempt will be made to e-mail this to yose_planning@nps.gov, but an internet connection is not available at the time this is being written.

If the e-mail attempt fails, this will be faxed to 209/379-1294.

Sir:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter. Thank you for this opportunity to make suggestions which hopefully will be of use to you in your efforts to protect the visitor experience and the natural resources of Yosemite National Park.

These are comments on the Environmental Assessment, dated October 2007, for the Tunnel View Project.

In reviewing the document, we find that some of our scoping comments have been addressed satisfactorily, and some have not.

We support the general idea of vista clearance, although we find the lack of specificity for this project to be a little surprising. Since this project involves the removal of so few trees, it seems it would not have been that difficult to identify them more precisely rather than conceptually. We urge you to implement the vista clearance, and trust that it will be done in an acceptable manner.

There are places in Yosemite where it is clear that user capacity is sometimes exceeded, and

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Tunnel View is one of them. The EA states that existing parking is adequate to meet present levels of use. That may usually be true of cars, but is not true of buses. It is not unusual to see a third or fourth bus having difficulty trying to get into the north lot. Common sense would tell us that sometimes buses find the lot full, and they are unable to stop for the view. So we find it surprising that you have chosen to ignore this problem by declaring that there is no shortage of parking, and have chosen not to consider possible means of ameliorating the problem.

Unlike some EA's produced by the NPS, this one has a list of entities receiving the document. Thank you for providing that information.

We request that the NPS post all public comments for the Tunnel View Project EA on the NPS web site in an accessible and timely manner.

Please send all future Yosemite planning documents to the Chair of the Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter Yosemite Committee. George Whitmore's address is above.

Thank you for seeking public input on the Tunnel View Project Environmental Assessment. We hope you find our comments to be useful.

Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter
Yosemite Committee
George Whitmore, Chair

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To: yose_planning@nps.gov
cc: jen_nersesian@nps.gov, Calvin Liu <calvin_liu@nps.gov>
Subject: Non-delivery of comments

Early this morning (Monday), at a few minutes after midnight, I received the following message re. our comments on the Tunnel View EA. Within a few minutes, I received an identical message re. our comments on the Hetch Hetchy Communications EA/IS.

I had sent both of these sets of comments at 8:06 p.m. on Friday, November 2. I had copied myself, and I received my copy of the comments within a few minutes of sending them to you, so it appeared that the transmission had been normal.

I will re-send both sets of comments now (6:49 a.m.), although if they are not delivered to you the system may not inform me of the fact for three days.

Suggestions?

George

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Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation EA
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

October 29, 2007

Dear Mr. Tollefson:

Selection of preferred alternative two appears to be the most desirable of the four alternatives presented. Inclusion of a canyon viewing area to the west, a one-way circulation pattern through the north parking lot, removing view obstructing vegetation and no significant change in parking capacity are important features of this alterative.

There are concerns for public safety when eastbound vehicles emerging from the dark tunnel turn left into the north parking lot. Significant but appropriate warnings must be posted in the tunnel eastbound, to alert drivers of slow traffic, pedestrians and congestion ahead. In addition the problem could be significantly reduced by prohibiting east bound privately owned vehicles emerging from the Wawona Tunnel from turning left into the north lot viewing area, directing traffic instead into a far less problematic right turn into the south parking lot viewing area. Permitting only commercial vehicles and tour busses to make a left turn into the north lot viewing area would reduce accidents and collisions that result when problematic left turns by privately owned vehicles back traffic up into the Wawona Tunnel. We believe this action along with appropriate electronic signage and strict traffic enforcement should adequately address the public safety issue at the Tunnel View Overlook. A completely "safe" alternative would require major construction and infrastructure development that would not be appropriate at this world class view site.

Thanks for listening

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El Dorado Hills CA, 95762
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October 9, 2007

Michael J. Tollefson, Superintendent
Yosemite National Park
Attn: Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation EA
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation

Dear Mike:

This letter is in response to the Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation project. From our brief review of the EA, our CSERC staff does not see any major problems or objections to the current plans. We encourage the full implementation for these planned actions as described in the planning documents:

1. The removal of the incense cedar and ponderosa pine trees as described is intended to enhance the view. CSERC sees no impact from the proposed action.

2. We support the plan to revegetate the disturbed soil using locally collected seeds and cuttings, as well as the 3-year maintenance plan for removing non-native plants and replanting with natives.

3. We also support the trailhead reconstruction to reduce erosion, as well as the installation of the new storm-water filtration system and water debris separation system.

As with any of the many small, fairly non-controversial projects planned or taking place in the Park, we recognize that traffic control, signing, and changing conditions create the potential for distraction of drivers who are already often mesmerized by the scenic beauty of the surrounding landscape. We encourage the Park in this specific project area to use especially clear signs and traffic management during construction so as to minimize the risk of hazards to the public during the project.

Respectfully,

Brenda Whited

Brenda Whited, Staff Biologist

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[redacted] Richmond, CA 10/30/07

Nar[redacted] San Francisco Date of Comment: 10/31/07

Address: _____

Comments

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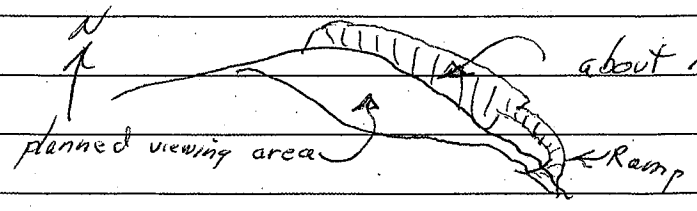
Torrance CA 90505

Comments

One suggestion – Develop an additional Terrace to east of main viewing area ~~on~~ of parking level.



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This would be more costly – but this is the one view that sets the tone for a visit to Yosemite. A place like the amptheather at Glacier Pt. but available year around.
One problem it would cause visitors to linger, but is this wrong? I hope you will reconsider this suggestion that I made before. Hopping [redacted]

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Comments

I strongly support Alternative #2, especially these aspects of that proposed plan:

(1) tree removal
(2) Pohono Trail change (trailhead moved)
(3) new pedestrian viewing area with wall barrier to cars
(4) " " safety features such as changed vehicle traffic routing

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Addendum to my previous comment page:

Vehicles heading toward Yosemite Valley through the Wawona Tunnel often exit the tunnel at speeds well over the posted limit – a dangerous situation due to the many pedestrians and slow-moving vehicles near the tunnel exit. I suggest a series of ~~mevesi~~ bumps in the pavement – perhaps of increasing bumpiness nearing the exit – to slow down the drivers who ignore signs.

These same suggestions apply to the Valley end of the long tunnel on the Big Oak Flat road, where an unsafe pedestrian view area is close to the tunnel exit.

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