

RIVER MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES: YOUR IDEAS

Ecological and Natural Resource Values

- How can we protect and restore free-flowing conditions and hydrologic function?
- How should we protect and restore meadow and riparian habitat?
- Which areas are a high priority for ecological restoration?
- How can we conserve our limited water supply?
- What best management practices must be in place to protect water quality?

Opportunities for Direct Connection to River Values

- What measures should be taken to continue to protect cultural resource integrity, including archeological and ethnographic resources?
- How can we ensure that people have opportunities to experience quality connections to the river in ways that are protective of the river?

Visitor Use Management Program

- If the National Park Service were to expand the existing parking inventory, by how much and at which locations would be appropriate?
- If day use vehicular access were to be limited, are day use reservations appropriate?
- Would you support bus services along new routes into the park? If there were such services, would you use them? Why or why not?
- Would you support the use of a day use parking/vehicle permit? Does this mean 1) Would you use a day use parking/vehicle permit? OR 2)Would you support a day use parking/vehicle permit system?
- Would you support remote parking and shuttle services? Why or why not?
- What types of recreation are appropriate in the river corridor? What is needed to support these recreation opportunities?

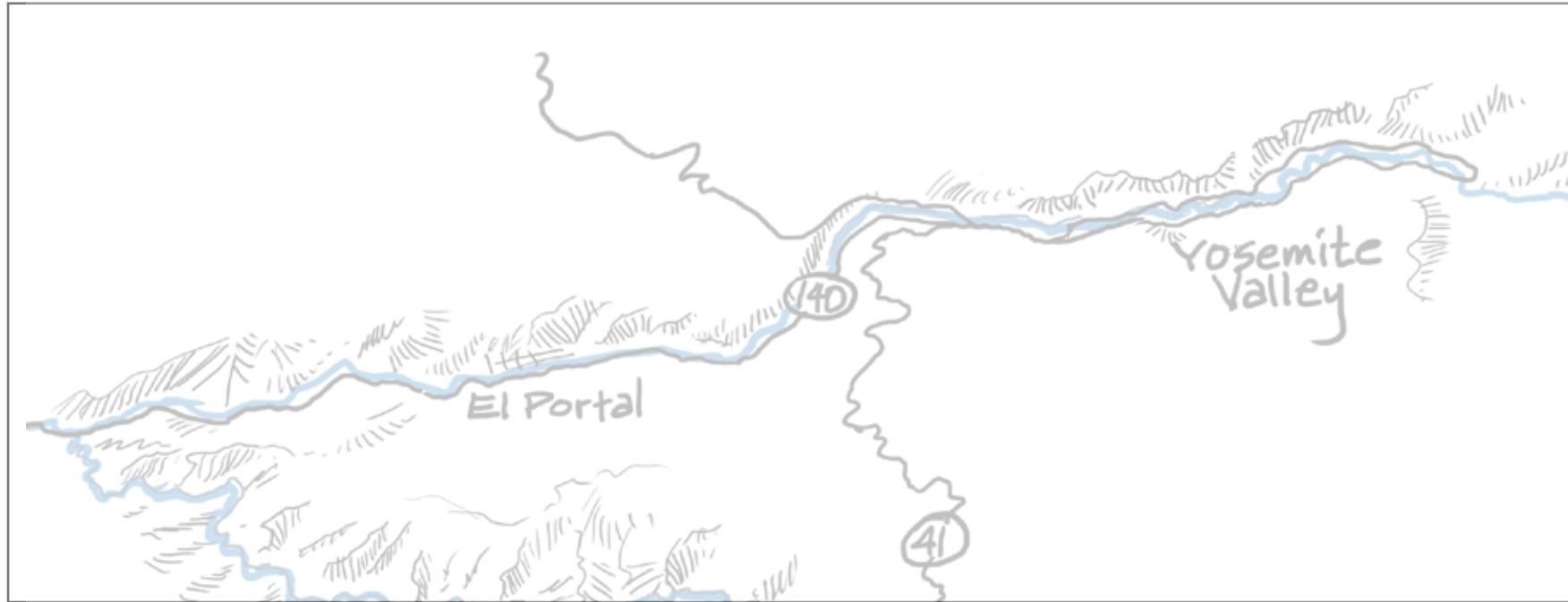
Land Uses and Associated Developments

- How can the National Park Service support the current mix of day use and overnight visitation?
- How can we consolidate functions to increase the efficiency of administrative land use in Yosemite Valley?
- How can we increase the availability of camping while ensuring that river values are protected?
- How can we prioritize land use for visitors while still ensuring operational needs associated with visitor and resource protection are met?
- What types of services and amenities are necessary to provide for both resources protection and management of user capacity in the Merced Wild and Scenic River corridor?

YOUR TOP SEGMENT MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Please list the top management options you selected for each river segment. If there are actions you would add or actions you are not in favor of, please note them. When making your choices, think about whether the options work together and if there is a theme or commonality among them.

SEGMENT 2: Yosemite Valley



SEGMENT 1: Merced River Above Nevada Fall



SEGMENT 4: El Portal



SEGMENT 5, 6, 7 and 8: South Fork Merced River Wawona



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PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Please answer the questions below.

Think about what the future looks like in your vision.

What is different? What remains the same?

Ecological and Natural Resource Values

How do we promote the river's ability to shape the landscape, reduce impediments to free flow, improve geologic/hydrologic process, restore flood-plains and meadows, and protect water quality?

Your Vision

Is there a theme or a commonality among your choices?
Can your suggestions be implemented? Are they realistic
and feasible?

Opportunities for Direct Connection to River Values

How do we support opportunities for people to experience and develop direct connections to the Merced and its unique values as a place of cultural association, education, recreation, reflection, and inspiration?

Visitor Use Management Program

How do we manage visitor use in a way that balance opportunities for high quality, resource-related experiences in the river corridor with the protection and enhancement of natural and cultural river values today and into the future?

Land Uses and Associated Developments

What structures and development are appropriate in the river corridor and support the protection and enhancement of river values?

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We value your input. Please fill out and tear out the last two pages of this workbook and upon completion, fold the pages into quarters. Tape edges and mail back to Yosemite National Park.

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