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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### **The National Park Service Seeks Comments on Rehabilitation of a Water Distribution System at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks**

The National Park Service has released an environmental assessment/assessment of effect (EA/AoE) that analyzes long-term options for addressing deficiencies in the existing water distribution system that serves the Giant Forest, Wolverton, Lodgepole, Wuksachi, and the Red Fir maintenance areas within Sequoia National Park. Sections of the existing water distribution system range from 30-70 years old. The system is in poor and deteriorating condition, fails on a regular basis, and does not comply with current state drinking water regulations. The EA/AoE includes an evaluation of alternatives to address the deteriorating and non-compliant water distribution system and an analysis of the effects of the alternatives. The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive plan that considers the overall water system and prioritizes work elements based upon the most critical needs, while providing for public health and safety, improving overall efficiency, and protecting park resources and values, in accordance with legal requirements and National Park Service policies.

The public may obtain more information about this project in several ways. The EA/AoE is available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>. People may contact the park at 559-565-3101 to obtain a CD or hard-copy. **All public comments must be received by May 25, 2011.** Public comments may be submitted online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki> - in writing by mail, hand delivery, or fax to:

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*Attn: Rehabilitate Water Distribution System EA/AoE*

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Public comments, including personal identifying information (name, address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.) may be made available to the public at any time. Even if a commenter requests to have personal identifying information withheld, the National Park Service cannot guarantee this will be done. The National Park Service will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

*Anonymous comments will not be accepted.*

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