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Dear planners,

I have been visiting Tenaya lake for 20 years and on most days the visitor management seems fine. There is some resource damage but I think it is at manageable levels.

Please remember.:

Tenaya Lake really sees substantial visitation only 3 months a year and even then it is only crowded on Saturdays and Sundays in the afternoon. So that is about 6 hours a day on maybe 20 days a year. I believe that infrastructure should be built to accommodate a warm August MID WEEK afternoon. Let the parking lots overflow on Saturdays.

Climbers like to park near the 5 most used routes. It will be difficult to enforce only two designated parking areas. Having those climbers walk along the road will not make things any safer.

The east end beach is a far better picnic area than the actual picnic area. The sand is fun for kids, it is sunny, and the warm water tends to build up on that end due to winds out of the west. .. better for swimming.

Some speed bumps might be a good way to slow down traffic.

I think we were wrong to scar the granite at Olmstead point 40 years ago and we should not do it now. Please do not propose any changes that involve blasting through surface rock..

Since the NPS likes to compartmentalize visitors the area on the east beach south of the Tenaya Creek inlet ( farthest from the road) should be clothing optional. It already is that way so I suppose posting signs is unnecessary.

Since many valley campgrounds have been removed how about recreating a small dry campsite at Tenaya Lake. It could have vault toilets that NPS pumps out and no running water. definitely ban generators at all times and make the campground road narrow and bumpy to discourage large RVs.

I doubt you are considering it, but nothing should be sold or rented at Tenaya lake. It nice to have a slightly developed place with no concessions or money or signs. Keep the signs to a minimum.

Keep an open mind - it is possible that doing nothing really is the best plan and then the Fund money can be used where it is more needed.



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