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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Dear Superintendent,

This e-mail is in regard to my ideas and suggestions for the Tenaya Lake Area Plan. As a frequent visitor to Yosemite and an avid hiker and backpacker (my website is www.yosemitepictures.com) I travel through the Tenaya Lake area at least a few times every year.

One of my biggest concerns relates to safety and parking issues at the west end of the Lake. At the present time, there are a few picnic tables scattered among the trees and there are a few places where you can pull your vehicle off the road and park. However, from mid-June until early September parking and driving along this area can be quite hazardous.

Many people do not pull sufficiently far off the pavement and they leave their vehicles sticking out into the road. The road is quite narrow at this point and I have been involved in many near accidents along this stretch of Tioga Road.

I think it would be beneficial to have specifically designated (i.e. striped) parking spaces and also well defined no parking zones between the West end of Tenaya Lake and the trailhead to Murphy Creek. This would make it much safer for visitors to the park to drive through this area and anyone who wishes to use the picnic tables would then park in well designated and accessible spaces. Enforcing this by writing tickets to those offenders who park with their car sticking out in the road or in the no parking zones would help a lot.

I am also concerned about access from the parking lot to the lake at the East end of the Lake. Over the years, use trails have developed, some of which are dead ends into the mud during early season. As much as I appreciate the wilderness, this is such a heavily used section of the park that I think it would be valuable to create designated walking paths from the parking lot to the beach and restore all of the other areas that have become trampled over the years. The same way that restoration is taking place down in Yosemite Valley you could apply those techniques to the East end of the Lake.

Thank you very much for taking into consideration these ideas and suggestions for the improvement of the Tenaya Lake area.

Sincerely,



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