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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Great Basin National Park Baker, Nevada 89311-9701

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Dear Interested Party:

Great Basin National Park is currently seeking issues and comments for a proposed rehabilitation of Upper Lehman Creek Campground. Your issues and comments will assist in developing alternatives to the proposed action presented below and help in conducting an environmental analysis consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed action consists of a multi-component campground rehabilitation of Upper Lehman Creek Campground. These components consist of:

- 1. Install a new water pipeline above the campground from the water supply spring to the filtration building;
- 2. Install a new water pipeline within the campground, replacing existing system;
- **3.** Install a new water pipeline along the Scenic Drive connecting Upper Lehman Creek Campground to Lower Lehman Creek Campground;
- **4.** Modify Upper Lehman Creek Campground, including moving the interpretive program area, improving picnic areas and campsites, replacing three pit toilets and adding one near the trailhead, removing two campsites and adding two others, and revising some signs;
- **5.** Abandon the upper loop access road located along the northern side of Upper Lehman Creek Campground and restore the wetland and spring channels impacted by the original road construction;
- **6.** Re-route traffic patterns within the campground by adding an access road through site 11, replace gates, and replace cylindrical culverts with fish-friendly box culverts;
- 7. Repave the entire campground access road.

Preliminary issues developed by park staff include the effects to and impacts on: visitor experience, socioeconomics, fisheries, cultural resources, wildlife, soils, and water quality.

Information is also available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/upperlehman. This website provides access to current National Park Service plans, environmental impact analyses, and related documents on public review. Comments may be submitted through the PEPC website.

Mailed comments will also be accepted. Please submit comments no later than January 10, 2012, to Attn: Planning, 100 Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV, 89311.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Ferguson Superintendent