



United States Department of the Interior

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

IN REPLY REFER TO:
N16(GRBA)

September 11, 2014

Dear Friends:

Great Basin National Park has completed the Johnson Mine Historic District Stabilization Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA is now available for public review and comment for 30 days, from September 15 through October 14, 2014.

The proposed action will restore, protect, and tell the story of historic mining operations in Great Basin National Park. The action will stabilize historic mining structures and enhance visitor experience within the 205 acre Johnson Mine Historic District. In addition, the action would help the park meet the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, which includes preserving "the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation" and preserving irreplaceable examples important to our national heritage..."

The EA, prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), examines two alternatives. Under Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative: stabilization or maintenance in the Johnson Lake Mine Historic District would not occur; log structures would continue to deteriorate; the trail to Johnson Lake would continue to erode; trees posing a threat to the log structures would not be removed; and, site protection, visitor protection, education, and outreach would be limited. With Alternative 2, the Proposed Action: stabilizing the historic mining structures would occur; increased trail maintenance and re-routing would decrease erosion; fuels and hazard trees around the structures would be removed; and, educational and interpretive media would be developed on historic mining activities.

Copies of the EA are available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/Johnson>. You may also request a CD copy through the park's Planning Office by calling 775-234-7540. Hard copies are available for review at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center, the White Pine County Library, and EskDale Center.

Comments may be submitted through the park planning website or by mailing them to Attn: Planning, 100 Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV, 89311. Please submit comments no later than October 14, 2014.

Sincerely,

Steven Mietz
Superintendent