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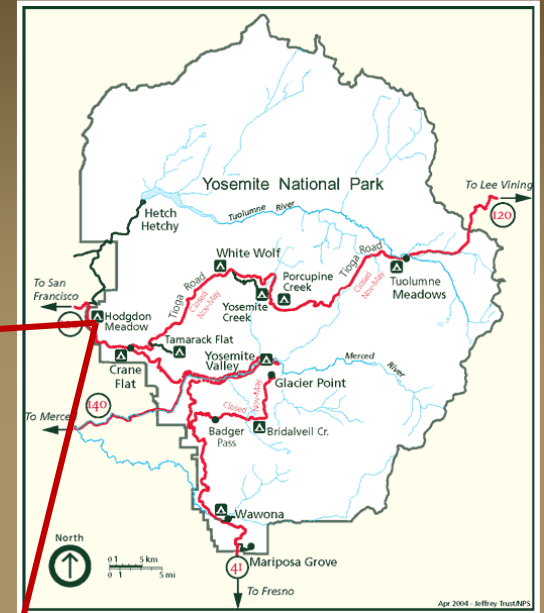
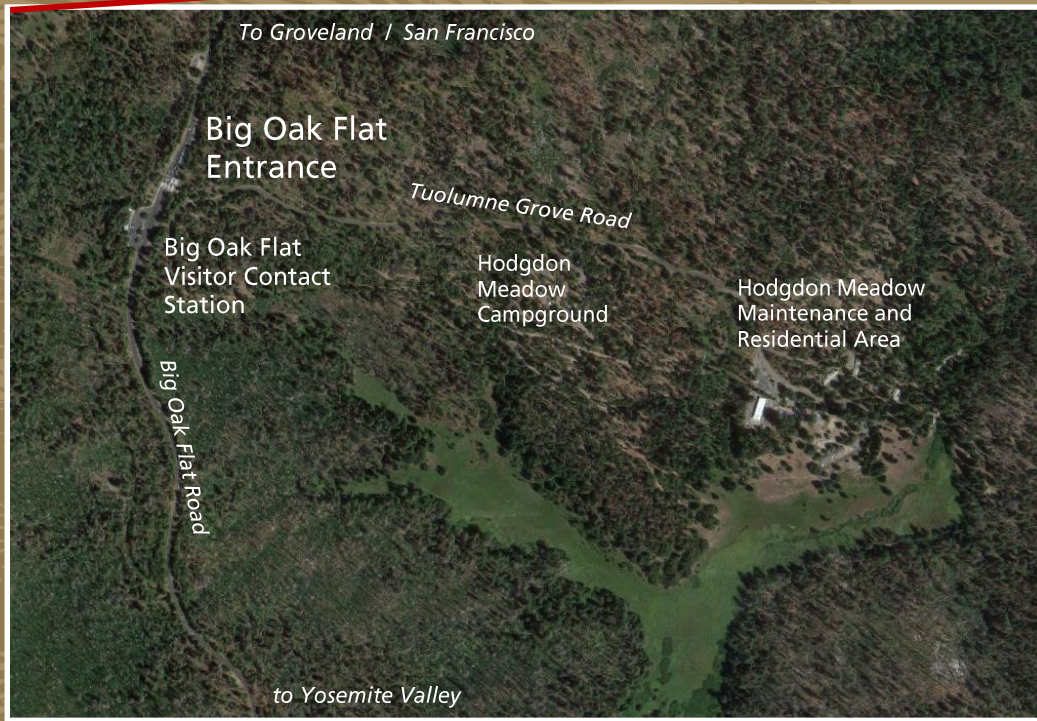
Big Oak Flat Visitor Contact Station and Emergency Services Facilities Environmental Assessment

May 18, 2018

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Project Area

Big Oak Flat Entrance



Project Background



- Big Oak Flat Entrance
 - More than one million visitors arrive each year
- Visitor Contact Station
 - Over 50,000 visitors are served each year

Project Background

- Visitor Contact Station Services
 - Comfort Station (restrooms)
 - Information / Trip Planning
 - Wilderness Permits
 - Campground Reservations
 - Bookstore / Bear Canister Rental
 - Mather District Law Enforcement



Existing Conditions

■ Visitor Contact Station

- Piecemeal collection of structures
- Confusing for visitors
- Poor condition
- Congested interior space
- Inadequate opportunities for self-help information



■ Visitor Protection Offices

- Inadequate size
- No meeting / training space
- Remote from ambulance bay
- Inadequate ambulance storage
- Inadequate parking for Ranger vehicles



Existing Conditions

■ Parking

- Congested during peak times
- Lacks marked pedestrian crossings
- Limited parking for large vehicles
- Poor / inadequate signage
- Ranger & Law Enforcement vehicles often blocked



■ Comfort Station

- Undersized
- Poor condition
- Leach field at end of useful life



■ Utilities

- Require upgrades or replacement

Proposed Action

- Replace the Existing Visitor Contact Station
 - Improve parking / signage / safety
 - Place visitor services in one building: Information / Wilderness Permits / Campground Reservations / Bookstore / Bear Canister Rental
 - Provide more opportunities for self-help information
 - Construct a larger comfort station
 - Construct sanitary sewer to Hodgdon Meadow Campground

VISITOR CONTACT STATION / OPTION 1

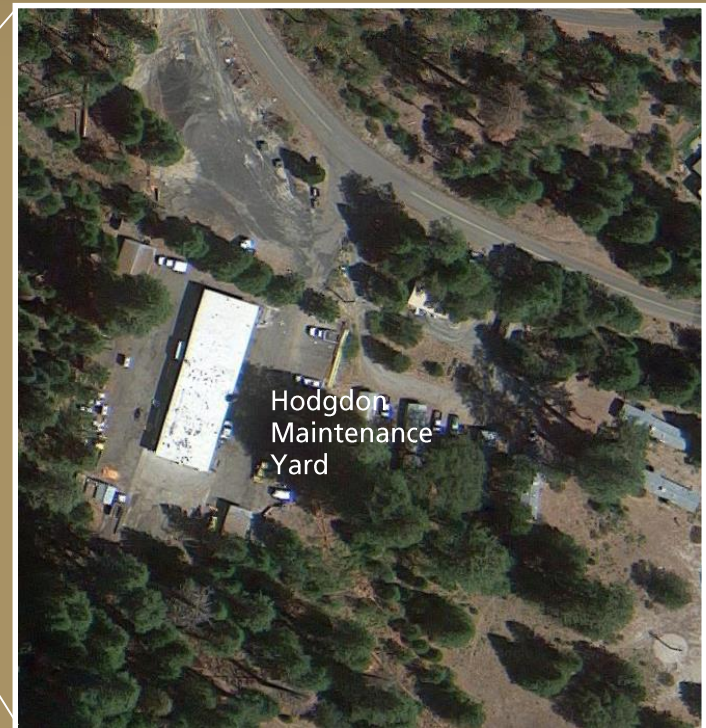


VISITOR CONTACT STATION / OPTION 2



Proposed Action

- Construct an Emergency Services Facility at Hodgdon site



Existing Hodgdon Maintenance Building

Proposed Action

- Construct an Emergency Services Facility at Hodgdon
 - Two Ambulance Bays
 - Visitor Protection Offices
 - Emergency Services Meeting / Training Space

EMERGENCY SERVICES / OPTION 1



EMERGENCY SERVICES / OPTION 2



Proposed Action: Environmental Impacts

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Park is developing an Environmental Assessment
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
 - Park is consulting with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and traditionally associated tribes and groups
- Impact topics resulting from the proposed action could include:
 - Cultural resources
 - Vegetation
 - Wildlife
 - Visitor Experience

Project Timeline

■ Planning Phase

★ ■ **Public Scoping (NOW) – Closes June 4, 2018**

■ NPS Drafts Alternatives & Environmental Assessment – Summer and Fall 2018

★ ■ **Release of Environmental Assessment for Public review – Late 2018**

■ NPS reviews public comments – Late 2018

■ Release of Decision Document – Early 2019

■ Construction Phase

■ Phased Construction Begins – Summer 2019

Big Oak Flat Project

HOW TO COMMENT

Comment Period Ends June 4, 2018

1) Submit comments electronically at:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BigOakFlatEntrance>

2) Mail or hand deliver comments to:

Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Big Oak Flat Entrance EA
PO Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

3) Submit written comments at this meeting

Thank you



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