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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CIP	Community Involvement Plan
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substance Control
DU	decision unit
EE/CA	engineering evaluation/cost analysis
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NPS	National Park Service
PAH	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
PRGs	Preliminary Remediation Goals
PCP	pentachlorophenol
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Shaw	Shaw Environmental, Inc.
Site	Cascade Creosote Dip Tank Site
SR	state route
TBD	to be determined
YARTS	Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System





1.0 INTRODUCTION

The National Park Service (NPS) is issuing this Community Involvement Plan (CIP) as a resource to enable meaningful community involvement throughout its investigation, selection, and implementation of cleanup activities at the Cascade Creosote Dip Tank Site (Site). The NPS is conducting these cleanup activities at the Site pursuant to the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, *et seq.* and its implementing regulations under the *National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan* (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300. NPS is committed to encouraging public participation and providing opportunities for communication between the NPS and the affected community, interested stakeholders, and community residents during the environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the Site.

CERCLA-related terms are defined in Appendix A, [Glossary](#).

1.1 Purpose and Objectives of the CIP

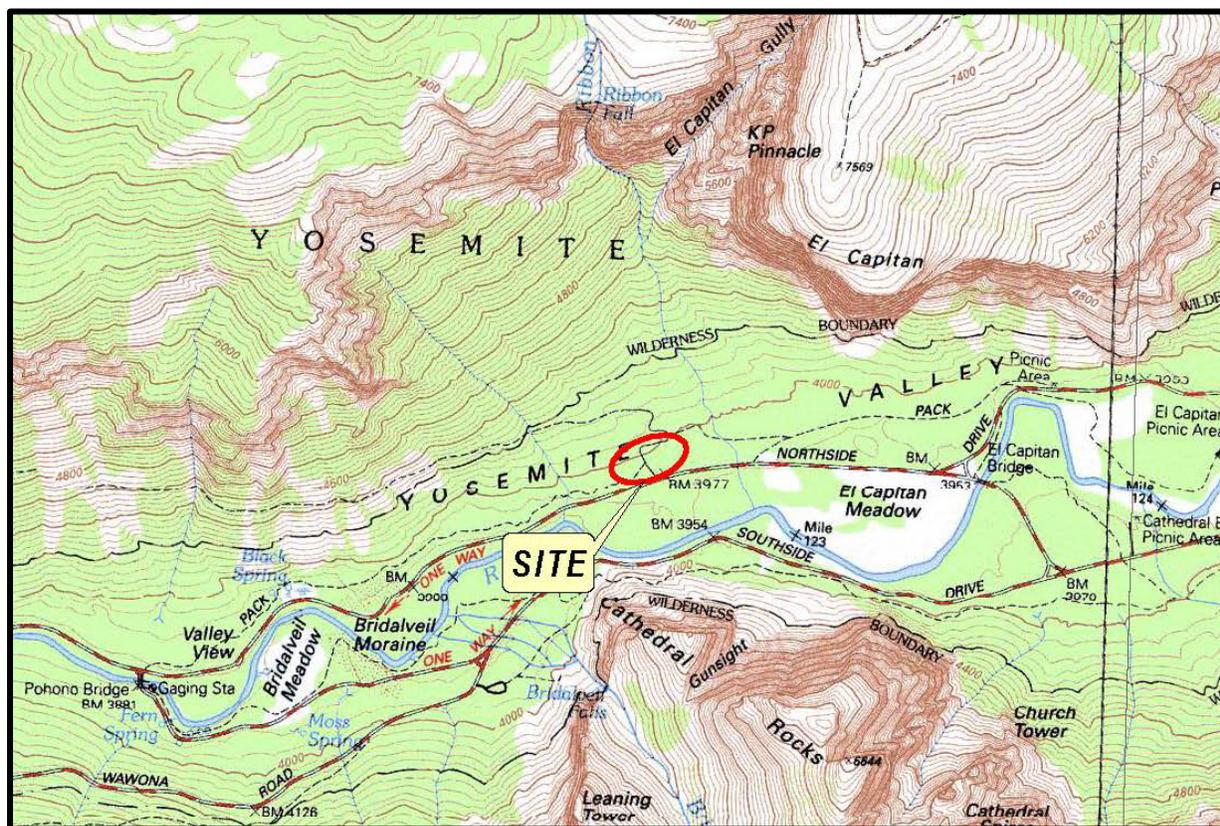
The CIP has been prepared in accordance with CERCLA and the NCP and in consideration of guidance provided in two U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) documents: *Superfund Community Involvement Handbook* (EPA 2005) and *Community Involvement Toolkit* (EPA 2015). The CIP serves as a guide for the NPS to engage and inform community members, environmental groups, government officials, the media, and other interested parties in the environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the Site. The CIP is a “living” document and will be updated or revised, as appropriate, as Site conditions change.

The CIP has two key objectives. The first key objective is to provide for the dissemination of information to the public in a timely, accurate, meaningful, and understandable manner. The second objective is to create opportunities—and ensure the community understands those opportunities—for active public participation, enabling interested persons to provide valuable comments that can be used by the NPS project team for planning and decision making.

The strategies to accomplish these objectives take into consideration the location of the Site and surrounding community. The Site is located in Yosemite National Park in Mariposa County, California (Figure 1). It is approximately 3.3 miles southwest of the Yosemite Village and about 10 miles east of the unincorporated town of El Portal, California and the park border (Google Earth 2015). Summer visitors and year-round residents inhabit both Yosemite Village and El Portal. The Yosemite Valley Loop Trail traverses the Site on the southern end near the Merced River and experiences foot traffic from park visitors (Shaw Environmental, Inc. [Shaw] 2011).



Figure 1. Site Map



1.2 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

The NPS is investigating and cleaning up the Site pursuant to CERCLA and the NCP. Congress enacted CERCLA, also known as Superfund, in 1980 to address releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment. CERCLA gives the President broad powers to respond to hazardous substance releases and threatened releases as the President deems necessary to protect the public health or welfare or the environment, including enforcement authority with respect to parties responsible for the releases. The President has delegated this authority to a number of federal departments and agencies, including the Department of the Interior. The NPS, an agency within the Department of the Interior, is the CERCLA lead agency for the Site.

Based on this authority, the NPS has contracted CDM Smith to prepare this CIP for the Site located within Yosemite National Park (the Park). This CIP is part of the response action being conducted at the site by NPS, and is in compliance with the requirements of CERCLA and the NCP. The NPS, an agency within the Department of the Interior, is the CERCLA lead agency for the Site. The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substance



Control (DTSC) is the lead agency for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and a supporting agency for the Site.

CERCLA's implementing regulations, the NCP, establish requirements for community involvement activities. Different requirements apply to different types of response actions. The NPS has determined that a non-time-critical removal action is appropriate for the Site. As part of the non-time-critical removal action, NPS is conducting an engineering evaluation and cost analysis to fully characterize the nature and extent of Site contamination, evaluate associated potential risks to human health and safety and the environment, identify relevant cleanup requirements, develop a range of cleanup alternatives, and identify a recommended removal action alternative for the Site. As the lead agency for the Site, NPS must involve the community during the engineering evaluation and cost analysis process in the manner detailed in the NCP, and this CIP is part of that community involvement process.

1.3 Overview of the CIP

The CIP specifies the community involvement activities that the NPS expects to undertake as investigation and cleanup of the Site proceeds. This CIP is organized as follows:

- Section 1.0: Introduction – A description of the purpose of the CIP.
- Section 2.0: Site Background – An overview of Site description and history, previous Site investigations, and current and future Site activities.
- Section 3.0: Community Background – A community profile, history of community involvement at the Site, and summary of community concerns and questions.
- Section 4.0: Community Involvement Activities – A description of planned methods and activities for communicating with the public concerning Site activities, and a general schedule of anticipated community involvement activities.
- Section 5.0: References – A list of references used in developing this CIP.

The appendices include a glossary (Appendix A), administrative record file and information repository details (Appendix B), community fact sheets and community updates (Appendix C), community interview questionnaire (Appendix D), contact information (Appendix E), and tables of minimum community involvement requirements (Appendix F).





2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

2.1 Site Description and History

The Site is located on the western side of the Sierra Nevada Range in central California, approximately 3.3 miles southwest of Yosemite Village and immediately west of El Capitan Meadow along Northside Drive. It is located approximately 2,500 feet from the base of El Capitan, a favorite recreational area for experienced rock climbers (Google Earth 2015). El Capitan rises more than 3,000 feet above the valley floor and is one of the largest granite monoliths in the world.

The Site is located in pine woodland with little undergrowth other than grasses. The surrounding topography slopes gently south toward the Merced River which is 1,000 feet from the Site. The Site is flat, devoid of vegetation, and relatively small (about 1,000 square feet). The closest drinking water wells are approximately 3 miles upgradient – east of the Yosemite Lodge (CDM Smith 2015).

The Site was formerly a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp where wood was treated with creosote and possibly other wood treatment products. The CCC constructed a creosote dip tank at the camp in the early 1930s and it was used to treat wood for construction of back-country bridges through the 1970s. It was said to be constructed of concrete (3 feet wide, 10 feet long, and 3 feet deep) and was partially filled with creosote. Wood was placed in the tank to soak. After treatment, the wood would be loosely stacked and allowed to drip before being used. Thus, a store of treated wood was kept on hand and the wood was less “messy” to handle. The creosote may have been stored at the Site at some point; however, no record of a drip or storage area is available. The tank was allegedly removed and transported to the former landfill facility in El Portal. A geophysical survey did not reveal a buried tank on site (CDM Smith 2015).

Only a portion of this small Site may be affected by historical use of creosote, although it was apparently in use for decades. Without substantial information on activities, it is reasonable to assume that creosote may have been spilled, burned, dripped, and/or dumped during that time. No surface soil staining is evident, but blackened, odorous soil was found in test pits in the western area of the Site, and this area is assumed to represent a location of past operations and releases. Creosote, the likely source of affected soils, is not mobile after release to soil, and contamination is anticipated to remain localized.

The Site is currently known as the Valley Wood Yard, where firewood is cut and woody debris is burned. These operations are likely sources of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and dioxins/furans that are not related to historical wood treating activities. More extensive analysis of PAHs may allow “finger printing” of creosote versus wood burning residue. There is no record of pentachlorophenol (PCP) treatment at the Site, but analytical results indicate its presence as an important risk driver. Creosote was commonly used through the 1970s when the operation was abandoned. It is possible that PCP has been found in Site soils could have resulted from release of PCP in light fuel/oil.



Contamination of groundwater is not anticipated, based on the nature of chemicals or chemical groups present, as they are not very mobile in the environment. Groundwater is not used as a potable source in the area, and there is no current direct contact with groundwater.

According to the Merced River Plan, the site is zoned for use as a wood yard only in the future. No construction is planned and woody debris will be stored at certain times for consolidated burnings. Current possible human exposure pathways may exist.

2.2 Previous Environmental Studies and Response Actions

In 2001, NPS entered into a consent agreement with the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and agreed to determine the nature and extent of contamination at various sites within Yosemite, including this Site. Under the Agreement, NPS is exercising its CERCLA lead agency authority while DTSC is exercising its authority under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). As such, all deliverables will address both CERCLA and RCRA requirements consistent with the 2001 consent agreement.

Previous environmental studies performed at the Site are:

- 2002 – Site Inspection (IT Corporation 2002). An investigation was performed and included a limited number of soil samples for analysis of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. The draft final focused site inspection report concluded that concentrations were below EPA Region 9 residential Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) for soil and selected ecological PRGs for soil. In 2003, the *Final Focused Site Inspection Report* (IT Corporation 2003) was completed and submitted to the DTSC with recommendation for no-further action.
- 2011 – Facility Investigation (Shaw Environmental, Inc. [Shaw] 2011). In 2004, the DTSC disagreed with the NPS recommendation and provided comments and recommendations requiring additional field work and data evaluation. In 2011, additional field work was conducted (including a geophysical survey, soil sampling, and risk assessments). A draft facility investigation report was submitted in August. DTSC conducted an administrative review of the report and requested that NPS incorporate their comments into a final report, recognizing that further investigation would be necessary. The *Final Facility Investigation Report* (Shaw 2011) was finalized in December.

2.3 Current and Future Site Activities

The NPS has an agreement with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to conduct investigations to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the Site and to perform corrective measures necessary to address any release of hazardous waste at or from the Site. NPS currently is implementing a non-time critical removal action conducted by its contractor, CDM Smith Federal Programs Corporation (CDM Smith). Investigations for the non-time critical removal action were completed for the Site from November 2015 through April 2018 (CDM Smith 2015, 2016, 2017a, 2017b, 2017c, 2018). The purpose of the sampling is to



adequately characterize the nature and extent of contamination, support assessment of human health and ecological risks and development of risk-based remediation goals, allow analysis of applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs), and identify appropriate response alternatives for the Site. It includes the delineation of extent of waste debris, soil sampling, groundwater sampling, and impact assessment for aquatic receptor populations.

Existing data and data collected during this investigation will support the NPS and other parties in moving toward site closure. The data was used to support an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) report that provides documentation of the need for a removal action, identify and evaluate removal alternatives, selects an appropriate alternative that will be protective and cost effective, and satisfy environmental review requirements for removal actions and administrative record requirements for the documentation of the action.





3.0 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

3.1 Community Profile

The community profile is intended to help the NPS and its contractors understand local issues and people, which is key to developing a communication strategy tailored to needs and interests of the community near the Site. The focus is on identifying communication opportunities and constraints. This includes identifying languages spoken and whether there is a need for translation; unique cultural patterns, customs, or values reflected in the use of park; and attributes that might inform the selection of methods to facilitate community involvement in site cleanup, and those that could be important in the conduct of the removal actions.

As is typical of many NPS sites, the Cascade site is relatively remote and is not within or adjacent to a community of significant size. The resident population of NPS personal, subcontractors, and dependents is dwarfed by the influx of American and international tourists who visit the park for a stay of usually under 4 days (NPS 2015b). Yosemite is also home to a number of Indian tribes. The demographics of these various user groups are described below, along with information on government, transportation, land use, and local schools and businesses.

3.1.1 Demographics

3.1.1.1 Mariposa County

Mariposa County is in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, with an area of 1,448 square miles. There are no incorporated cities and the 2018 population was 17,658 (U.S. Census Bureau 2020a). The town of Mariposa is the county seat and had a population of 1,351 and is roughly 43 miles southwest of the Site. 3.1.1.2 Yosemite Valley (includes Yosemite Village and Curry Village).

Yosemite Valley includes the Site, El Capitan, Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and Yosemite and Curry Villages. The 2010 U.S. Census reported that the valley had a population of 1,035. Of these, the self-reported racial makeup is 80 percent White, 3 percent African American, 3 percent Native American, 3 percent Asian, and 12 percent Hispanic or Latino. About half lived in households and half lived in noninstitutionalized group quarters. Of 282 households, only 44 had children under the age of 18 living in them. The median age was 37.6 years. There were 323 housing units and 99 percent were occupied by renters (U.S. Census Bureau 2020b). Yosemite Village is the primary developed place in Yosemite Valley and is less than 5 miles from the Site. It is an unincorporated community and its permanent population includes NPS staff and some concession workers. Curry Village is about 1 mile further east on Northside Drive.

3.1.1.3 El Portal

El Portal is the next nearest community to the Site and is located about 11 miles to the west-southwest on State Route (SR) 140 at the western boundary of the park. The population was 474 at the 2010 census. The racial makeup was 91.6 percent White, 0.2 percent African



American, 1.9 percent Native American, 1.1 percent Asian, and 6 percent Hispanic or Latino (U.S. Census Bureau 2020c). There were 230 households, out of which 18 percent had children under the age of 18 living in them. The median age was 39.4 years. There were 276 housing units in El Portal and 62 percent were occupied by renters.

3.1.1.4 Visitors

In 2014, there were a reported 4,029,416 visitors to Yosemite (NPS 2015b). Most people who visit the park have a relatively short stay. Slightly more than 4 percent (175,095 people) stayed overnight and only 1.4 percent (56,308 people) were overnight hikers (NPS 2015). The average stay for overnight visitors was reported to be 2.4 days and the average stay in the area was 3.5 days (NPS 2015b). Most of the visitors are reportedly from the U.S. (91 percent in winter and 75 percent in summer) (NPS 2015b). For international visitors, the most commonly cited home countries were: Germany, Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom (NPS 2015b).

3.1.1.5 NPS Personnel and Subcontractors

The NPS and its concessionaires (e.g., Delaware North) are the primary employer in the vicinity of the Site. The majority of the people who work in the Yosemite Valley are reported to live in nearby El Portal and Mariposa.

3.1.2 Indian Nations or Tribes

A number of Indian nations or tribes are stakeholders in the Yosemite Valley or surrounding area. These include: Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, Mono Lake Kutzadika, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, Bridgeport Indian Colony, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, and the American Indian Council of Mariposa (the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation).

These tribes were contacted by the NPS (NPS 2015) to request assistance in *“identification of historic properties with religious and cultural significance to traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups, pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(c)(2).”* The NPS stated that they intended to *“work with traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts associated with any remediation.”* After correspondence between NPS and the tribes, two of the tribes were added to the list of stakeholders to be interviewed (American Indian Council of Mariposa and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians). The tribes elected not to participate in the interviews but the NPS will include them in continuing outreach.

3.1.3 Elected Officials

California is represented in the U.S. Senate by Democrats Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris and in the United States House of Representatives (4th Congressional District) by Republican Tom McClintock. Gavin Newsom is the Governor of California and Mariposa County (8th Senate District) is represented by Republican Andreas Borgeas (5th Assembly



District) and by Republican Frank Bigelow. Rosemarie Smallcombe is the Supervisor of Mariposa County District 1. There is no local government in the Yosemite Valley.

3.1.4 Transportation

The Yosemite area is served by three state highways: SR 41 runs from Oakhurst to Yosemite Valley, SR 120 runs from Groveland on the west and Lee Vining on the east through Yosemite's high country via the Tioga Road, and SR 140 runs from Mariposa to Yosemite Valley.

Public transportation is limited and is provided by the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) a public transit bus line based in Merced, California. YARTS provides scheduled service into the park. The NPS also operates a free shuttle service in the Yosemite Valley. Mariposa-Yosemite airport is about 40 miles west of the Site on SR140 (NPS 2015c). That airport is currently operating.

3.1.5 Land Use

According to a 2008 winter use study and a 2009 summer use study conducted for the NPS, 93 percent of summer respondents listed "viewing scenery" as their primary activity (NPS 2008). In winter, activities were listed as 84 percent listed "sightseeing or taking a scenic drive" as their primary activity, 73 percent taking photographs/painting/drawing, and 35 percent listed "hiking" (NPS 2008). The Site itself is not fenced, but there is no evidence that it is used for recreational activities (CDM Smith 2015). There are no amenities on the Site (e.g., tables) and there are more attractive diversions nearby. The Site itself is no longer used for cutting firewood and burning woody debris (CDM Smith 2015). It was known locally as the Valley Wood Yard.

3.1.6 Services

Yosemite Medical Clinic in Yosemite Village treats about 7,000 patients annually, including park visitors and employees. It is the primary care facility for park employees (NPS 2010). Public schools in the vicinity of the Site are: Yosemite National Park Valley School in Yosemite Village and El Portal Elementary and Yosemite Park High School in El Portal. All are in the Mariposa County School District. In Yosemite Village, child care services are provided by Yosemite Child Care Center which was established for children of employees of the park and employees who work for organizations affiliated with the park (ynpccc 2015). Both Yosemite Village and El Portal have a small post office.

3.1.7 Key Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations

Local businesses in the proximity of the Site provide services to support tourism within the park. The prime concessionaire for the park is Aramark. Some of the businesses in Yosemite Valley include: the Yosemite Lodge and Ahwahnee Hotels and their associated restaurants and stores, and the Ansel Adams Gallery. Businesses in El Portal include two hotels, a small general store, and a gas station. Two non-profit organizations that operate within the Park are Nature Bridge and the Yosemite Conservancy.



3.2 Community Involvement History

The NPS has established an information repository in El Portal that houses the administrative record file (see Section 4.1 below for further detail). The address, contact information, and operating hours for the information repository are provided in Appendix B. The administrative record file will be available for public review on the Park website at a later time.

3.3 Community Concerns and Needs

Identifying community concerns and issues is a vital step in the CIP's development, and it is important that the public be asked for recommendations on how NPS can most effectively involve and communicate with the community. To identify community concerns and needs and to identify how and when citizens would like to be involved in the cleanup process, in July 2015, NPS conducted community interviews with local officials, community residents, and various environmental and special interest groups who represent a range of opinions and backgrounds. NPS asked interviewees for suggestions of additional groups or individuals the NPS should interview, and NPS contacted those suggested additional groups and individuals before developing this CIP as well. An interview response summary is provided below, and the list of interview questions is provided in Appendix D, Community Interview Questionnaire.

NPS conducted a total of seven community interviews with one representative from each of the following stakeholder groups:

- Mariposa County Environmental Health Department
- Sierra Club Yosemite Committee
- Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
- Upper Merced River Watershed Council
- Yosemite Climber Association
- NatureBridge
- Yosemite Conservancy

The American Indian Council of Mariposa and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians were contacted and provided the opportunity to participate in the interviews but elected not to do so. NPS will include them in continuing outreach efforts.

The interviews were conducted jointly for the Cascade Creosote Dip Tank Site and for the nearby El Capitan Former Waste Disposal Area Site due to their proximity, identical list of stakeholders, and similar issues. The NPS obtained much of the information in Section 3.0, Community Background, from the community interviews.

3.3.1 Community Awareness of the Site

All of the interviewees knew the general area of the Site – either because of its proximity to El Capitan and the El Capitan Meadows picnic area, or because of its use as the Valley Wood Lot. All had either driven by it or visited the general area. A few were frequent visitors to the



area. Only one interviewee (Yosemite Climbers) was aware that there was an area of environmental interest (the Site) that was being investigated. That person had heard something about there being a former tank on the property during a walk through with the NPS for other issues, but they had no other details. No one had seen any evidence of contamination at the Site. No one interviewed had any concerns about environmental or health impacts. It was mentioned by several interviewees that they felt the NPS would do what needed to be done to investigate and potentially to clean up the Site.

Three groups (Yosemite Climbers, Yosemite Conservancy, and NatureBridge) use the Site or the area immediately adjacent to it in their activities. Two of these groups (Yosemite Conservancy and NatureBridge) lead tours in and from this area – sometimes multiple times per day in the summertime. Yosemite Climbers also reported frequent use and said that climbers often walk through the Site area when accessing El Capitan. The nearby El Capitan Meadows is a place of relaxation for climbers and for those supporting or watching climbers.

3.3.2 Community Concerns and Needs

As mentioned above, most of the people interviewed were not aware that the Site existed, beyond its use as a wood lot. Interviewees indicated that they believed this was also likely to be true of the general population and that the level of controversy and concern about the Site was expected to be very low. Interviewees were asked to rank their level of concern and their level of interest in the Site on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. In general, the level of interest is higher than the level of concern. Level of interest ranged from 3 to 10, with a median of 7. Level of concern ranged from 1 to 10, with a median of 4.

All of the interviewees reported having previous dealings with the NPS for other issues related to the park over the years. When asked to rate that experience, the responses ranged from good to excellent. It was noted that NPS can be tough to deal with as an organization because of all the regulations and the requirements that they have to follow. One interviewee stated that park planners are very open and informative and do a great job communicating with the public, but that decisions made are sometimes not reflective of what groups are told originally. Another group indicated that they appreciated that the NPS is a large bureaucracy and that they “give them a 5 on how information flows to park partners. Information is often slow in terms of fire or natural disaster and the park partners are not particularly well linked.” It was stated that the NPS does a good job of dealing with the watershed.

When asked if they believed that there were any perceived barriers to communicating with the NPS, interviewees responded that the main issue is that it is hard for the average person to know who to go to because there are so many different departments within the NPS. All the groups need to be involved in the conversation. Getting permission from one arm does not guarantee approval from the others.

The concerns and needs of each group, as well as their level of concern and interest, are summarized below:



3.3.2.1 Mariposa County

The Mariposa County Environmental Health Department has no specific concerns about the Site other than to ensure that the County gets a copy of the work plans and SAPs when they are produced. Send them to Carolyn Coder (ccoder@mariposaco.org). They rate their level of interest and concern as 8.

3.3.2.2 Sierra Club Yosemite Committee

The Sierra Club Yosemite Committee has no specific concerns related to the Site. They indicated that the Site seems to be very small and they trust that the NPS will follow through on investigation and cleanup (if needed). In general, they believe that uncontrolled pollution in the area should be investigated and cleaned up. They had no cultural concerns, and stated that, unless the road is blocked in the process, people probably won't even notice the activity. They rate their level of interest and concern as 3.

3.3.2.3 Upper Merced River Watershed Council

The Upper Merced River Watershed Council is interested in becoming involved in activities and issues that start where the park ends – specifically, the river from the park boundary to the lakes. They believe that the NPS is an effective steward of the river within the park, and they sometimes collaborate with the NPS on activities outside the park boundary that might have impacts in the park (e.g., bullfrog monitoring). However, the Council would like to be kept up to date for informational purposes, not for decision making. As the park is upstream of their area of interest, they like to keep tabs on issues in the park that might potentially impact conditions downstream. Should the Site be shown to be impacting water quality, they want to know about it. They rate their level of interest and concern as 6.

3.3.2.4 Yosemite Climbers

Yosemite Climbers is probably the most frequent user of the area surrounding the Site and is also the group that expressed the highest level of interest and concern for the work being done. Their concerns are primarily cultural rather than environmental. They believe that the NPS will address the environmental concerns.

The climbers' concerns are primarily with the end use of El Capitan Meadows, which is more likely to be impacted by the adjacent El Capitan site. They strongly believe that the area should be kept as natural as possible. The Site is in the direct line of sight from the top of El Capitan, and climbers don't want to look down from the climb and see a bunch of boardwalks and other structures. That would be a negative impact on their experience. The Cascade Site is not as visible, but they would still like the results of investigation and any cleanup to be as natural as possible.

Whatever the NPS decides to do at the Site, Yosemite Climbers believes that they need to keep the climbers informed, because that will head off rumors and unfounded concerns if climbers suddenly start seeing heavy equipment in the area. They reported that there was unrest



before when the NPS started cutting down trees in the El Capitan meadow without explaining that the cedars were threatening the very old oak trees that had previously been protected by periodic burning of the meadow before the area became a park. Once the scope and rationale were explained to the climbers and they understood what was happening, the concern dissipated. The Yosemite Climbers even helped the NPS with subsequent removal of over 2,000 cedar seedlings in the last few years.

The climbers feel very protective about this area and feel strongly that the NPS should identify a specific NPS contact so people know who to ask for information. That contact should be made aware of the climber's concerns. They also believe that the NPS should let the Yosemite Climbers know what is happening in advance so that they can help to get the word out. On-site signage might also be useful, because the activities will be sure to be noticed. They rate their level of interest as 10 and their level of concern as 10.

3.3.2.5 Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center

The Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center has no specific concerns about the Site, given that it is so small and that the NPS is already committed to investigating any contamination. The general area has widespread recreation use on holidays or busy times and the picnic area is very visible, so the NPS should try to minimize the view of heavy equipment, if possible. They rate their level of interest as 7 and their level of concern as 1.

3.3.2.6 Yosemite Conservancy

The Yosemite Conservancy leads naturalist walks that go through the area on the trails (Yosemite Valley West End) about twice a month. They are in the area for less than an hour on each walk. They do not have any specific concerns about the environmental issues in the area and believe that the NPS will handle whatever issues arrive. The Conservancy is interested in the work that is being done from the perspective of cultural history. For instance, they would like to be able to describe to people the previous uses of the land and how contamination may have gotten on the property (e.g., why and how the creosote tank was used and who the CCC was). It is the historic process that they are interested in rather than the end result. The Conservancy believes that there is interpretive value in disturbed places. They would like to have enough information about the Site to be able to describe the work that is being done when they do a tour (not in detail, but in a very summary fashion). They rate their level of interest as 8 and their level of concern as 2.

3.3.2.7 NatureBridge

NatureBridge reported that they don't have any input or concerns on the specifics of how the environmental work is being done. They are confident that the NPS will be taking care of investigating and cleaning up any contamination. They do not want to be involved in that process.

Because NatureBridge runs educational tours for children in the area of the Site, learning more about the Site and the adjacent El Capitan site would be very useful. It would be an



excellent teachable moment to be able to stand at the Site and describe how contamination got there and what the concerns of the NPS are and what the NPS is doing about it. They feel that the NPS should take advantage of this opportunity to show the type of work that has to be done to keep the park safe and how things people did in the past which didn't seem unreasonable had lasting negative effects. A handout that NatureBridge could make copies of and briefings for their educators would be very useful. Also, they are also strongly in favor of having a sign (even if temporary) at the Site that they could stand next to and discuss the Site from. Finally, because they are at the El Capitan Meadows picnic area and the wood lot several times a day, they need to know in advance if there will be restrictions during certain days. They would like to know when something special is happening (like sampling) that the tour group could observe from a reasonable distance.

3.3.3 Community Information Needs

The NPS template for community updates was described to the interviewees and they all said that this was the type of information they would like to receive. Interviewees were asked if there was any other information they would like to receive or add to the format, responses included: a map and a picture or two (also note that more pictures are available on the web site), initial findings and decisions made from the findings, general information about what is going on, and schedule. The County was also interested in receiving copies of sampling and analysis plans and work plans. Without exception, the preferred method for communication among the interviewees was email. Other methods for getting information to people included: the NPS website, the Mariposa County Conservation Alliance (as a clearinghouse), the Mariposa Gazette, the NPS Daily report, signage at the Site, the Yosemite Gateway Partners Group, Twitter, and Facebook. It was stated by several people that it is important to have information on a website whose address is provided in general notices in the paper or in a mailer. No one thought there was a need for translation, disability, or technical services at the Site. Everyone except the Yosemite Conservancy wanted to be notified in advance (generally 60 days) of opportunities for public comment.

Interviewees were asked about public meetings. Most thought that, because the Site was very small and contamination was likely minimal, the work was not controversial and would not capture the interest of the public or the groups that do not operate in the Yosemite Valley. They believed they could be kept informed through methods other than a public meeting.

Interviewees were asked what they would do if they had a question about the Site. The responses indicated that most interviewees have at least some sense of how to contact the NPS, even if they didn't know who the specific site contact was. Three people would call or email the park superintendent, one person would call the chief of staff, and two people would call park planners. NPS employees mentioned by name as potential sources of information were: Chris Fehrman, Ninette Daniele, Jim Donovan, and Tom Medema. However, Chris Fehrman and Tom Medema no longer work for NPS since these interviews were conducted. Several people indicated that they would check the NPS website for information about the Site. One person would call the NPS's consultant on this project, CDM Smith.



4.0 PLANNED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

As noted earlier, the key objectives of the community involvement program are to establish and encourage communication between NPS and the community and provide opportunities for the public to provide input throughout the course of CERCLA response activities at the Site. The following methods and techniques, which are selected based in part on community interview responses, will be used to promote public participation and establish steps to provide timely information to interested citizens, agency staff, government officials, the media, and the community at large. The first part of this section describes each community involvement activity and the second part provides a schedule for when those activities will occur.

Important: Upon request, NPS will endeavor to meet identified needs for translation, access to electronic communications, disability access, or other accommodations for people with special needs.

4.1 Communication Methods and Community Involvement Activities

- **Site Spokesperson**

Scott Gediman, Public Affairs Officer, Yosemite National Park, is the designated NPS spokesperson who will inform the community of actions taken, respond to inquiries, provide information concerning the Site, and act as liaison between the NPS and community members, environmental groups, government officials, the media, and other interested parties. See Appendix E for contact information

- **Administrative Record File and Information Repository**

The administrative record file is housed in the information repository and contains the information used by the lead agency (in this case, NPS) to make its decision on the selection of a response action, including environmental investigations and reports. The information repository is a location open to members of the general public where they may review and make copies of documents in the administrative record file. NPS will update the administrative record file at key points during the response action process, such as when important investigations and reports are completed. See Appendix B for administrative record file and information repository location details.

- **Interested Parties Mailing List**

NPS maintains an interested-parties mailing list that includes federal, state, and local elected officials; local school district officials; selected agency staff; community groups; media contacts; and interested community members. NPS notifies the parties on the list whenever key documents are published or the status of the Site changes. In accordance with NPS's sustainability efforts, and consistent with public input, whenever possible mailings will be sent electronically by email, with hyperlinks to documents posted on the website. However, interested parties can request conventional mail delivery if access to electronic communication is not available. In such cases, the NPS will send a letter informing interested parties of the availability of documents at the information repository.



Efforts are ongoing to expand the mailing list. Individuals can be added to the mailing list by contacting the Site spokesperson (See Appendix E for contact information). The NPS updates the mailing list as appropriate to reflect changes in government representatives and other contacts. The names of the interviewees and any names suggested by them will be added to the list.

- **Public Comment Periods**

While NPS accepts comments on ongoing response activities from the public at any time, there will be a 30-day public comment period when the Draft Final EE/CA Report is issued, which will propose specific actions or decisions concerning cleanup of the Site. A public comment period is a formal time period during which the NPS accepts comments from the public on specific proposed actions or decisions. Generally, public comment periods last for 30 days, although they may be longer. Upon timely request (preferably to the Park spokesperson and in writing) during any public comment period, the NPS will extend the public comment period by a minimum of 15 days. In addition, upon request, the NPS will meet identified needs for translation, access to electronic communications, or other accommodations for persons with special needs. (See Public Notices, below).

The NPS will formally notify the community of public comment periods through several means:

- The NPS will publish notice of public comment periods in the *Mariposa Gazette*.
- The NPS will place notice of public comment periods on the Site website.
- The NPS will notify individuals listed on the Interested Parties Mailing List.
- The NPS will place notice of public comment periods in the *NPS Daily Report*.

Following the close of a formal public comment period, the NPS will prepare written responses to significant public comments *received during the public comment period* (called a “responsiveness summary”); the responsiveness summary will be added to the administrative record file.

- **Public Notices**

The NPS will issue public notices to inform the community and the general public of public comment periods, publication of key documents, and major Site milestones.

Based on identified community preferences and the subject of the announcement, NPS will select from the following methods to distribute public notices about the Site:

- News release.
- *Mariposa Gazette*. To reach as many people as possible, the NPS publishes public notices in main sections of newspapers, not in legal notices sections.
- Site website.
- Notice sent to the Interested Parties Mailing List.
- Park postings as described in Park Visitor Communication.
- Social Media. Publish public notices on Twitter <https://twitter.com/YosemiteNPS> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteNPS> .



Upcoming public notices may include:

- EE/CA report public comment period. Summer 2020. The notice will provide a brief description of the EE/CA report; announce its availability for review; list dates of the 30-day public comment period; identify a contact person; list the locations where the document can be reviewed; and identify where written comments should be sent.

- **Public Meetings**

Due to the small size of the Site and likely minimal contamination, NPS does not intend to host any public meetings concerning the Site.

At the request of interested groups, NPS may schedule briefings to provide information about the nature, scheduling, and likely impacts of the upcoming activities, as well as to receive any suggestions on alleviating such impacts. The Yosemite Climbers suggested having a briefing at the Site, rather than in a meeting room. The Yosemite Climbers and the Yosemite Conservancy will be notified before on-site activities are conducted, as they bring groups through the area. Both groups stated that they would be interested in brief updates on the EE/CA progress as they become available.

- **Newspaper Contacts/News Releases**

During the CIP interviews, interviewees identified the *Mariposa Gazette* as their preferred option for receiving newspaper notices. Interviewees stated that this newspaper is widely read and residents generally trust its contents. Because of this, efforts will be made to maintain regular contact with the appropriate reporter to ensure that factual and consistent project information is available to the newspaper when needed.

No other newspapers were identified in the community interviews. Generally, all media outlets regularly contacted by Park staff will be included when news releases are issued. News releases will also be posted on the Park's web page.

News releases will be issued at key milestones to ensure the distribution of accurate and timely information.

- **Community Organization Presentations**

If requested, the NPS will meet with interested community organizations or provide information for community organizations to include in their newsletters. Interested community organizations can discuss such presentations by calling or emailing the site spokesperson at the contact information provided in Appendix E, Contact Information. No presentations have been conducted to date.



- **Park Visitor Communication**

Based on discussions held during the community interviews, the NPS has determined that the most effective ways to provide information to Park visitors will be to use a combination of the following methods:

- Posted notices. Locations may include the El Capitan Meadow picnic area and either at the base or top of the climbing area at El Capitan. The NPS will also consider including signage on the Valley Loop Trail that runs near the Site.
- Email to Yosemite Climbers, Yosemite Conservancy, and NatureBridge of planned activities – including any temporary use restrictions at the Site. These groups are at the area adjacent to the Site on a daily basis and are also good conduits for providing information to people using the area near the Site.
- Brief article in the *Yosemite Dispatch*, the newspaper that is distributed to visitors as they enter the Park
- Park website
- Informed Park staff (with sufficient information to address visitor questions)
- Community Updates

Posted items will briefly explain the history of the project (how did contamination get there), purpose of the project, what visitors may see or hear in the area, safety concerns, and sources for additional information. The NPS will also post the following information:

- The Site website address
- Site spokesperson and contact information
- Public notices
- Notices of public meetings
- Site access restrictions

- **Site History Flyer**

Because three of the groups use the area adjacent to the Site on a regular basis and two of them are involved in conducting educational tours in the area that includes the Site, the NPS will prepare a brief flyer that explains how the Site became contaminated, how the contamination was discovered, what is known about the contamination, and what the NPS is doing at the Site. This information should be very “big picture” and does not need a lot of detail. It should include a couple of historic pictures and a timeline. It will be a useful tool for the Yosemite Conservancy and NatureBridge to teach from on their tours and the Yosemite Climbers are also interested in the information. It is an opportunity for the NPS to teach visitors about stewardship and consequences of past actions.

- **Community Updates**

Community Updates are brief documents to inform the community about the Site and the environmental investigation and cleanup process. Community Updates present information about Site history; the nature and extent of Site contamination; public health and safety issues; investigation and/or cleanup plans, processes, and schedules; and local impacts during cleanup activities. Community Updates also provide contact information



for public inquiries. The interviewees have indicated that this suggested format provides information that will be useful to them.

The NPS will prepare a Community Update upon completion of the draft final EE/CA Report, and possibly at other key milestones in the cleanup process. No updates have been prepared to date.

Based on the demographics of the area, there does not appear to be a need for translation services and none of the interviewees indicated that they knew of a need for these services. However, the NPS shall make accommodations provide translation services, should they be requested. Community Updates posted to the website will meet 508 requirements for access for the visually impaired. NPS will also work to provide other accommodations for people with special needs, if requests are made. No such accommodations are anticipated at this time based on the interviews.

NPS will distribute Community Updates to the public using one or more of the following means:

- Posting Community Updates on the Site website
 - Sending a notice to persons on the Interested Parties Mailing List with either a hyperlink to (for email notices) or a copy (for regular mail notices) of the Community Update
 - Posting Community Updates at or near the Site as described in the Park Visitor Communication section above
 - Making Community Updates available at various Park locations
- **Park Website**
NPS will post general Site information as well as key cleanup and community involvement documents on the Park website (www.nps.gov/yose).
 - **Contact Information**
NPS contact information will be included in Community Updates, public notices, news releases, and on the Park website. Contact information for NPS representatives as well as for other key individuals is provided in Appendix E, Contact Information.
 - **Community Involvement Plan Revision**
To remain flexible and able to respond to the evolving needs of the community and changes to the Site, the CIP will be reviewed and revised as needed, and posted on the website. As the response action progresses, NPS staff may identify and use additional means or activities to inform and engage the community.





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APPENDIX A: GLOSSARY

Definitions for CERCLA-related words found throughout the CIP are provided below.

Action Memo. An action memo provides a concise written record of the decision selecting a removal action. It describes the site’s history, current activities, and health and environmental threats; outlines the proposed actions and costs; and documents approval of the proposed action by the proper headquarters or regional authority.

Administrative Record File: A file that contains all information considered or relied upon by the lead agency to make its decision on the selection of a response action under CERCLA. See Appendix B, Administrative Record File and Information Repository Details, for further information on the Site administrative record file.

CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act): A federal law, commonly known as “Superfund,” which Congress enacted in 1980 and amended in 1986 and 2002. The law provides broad federal authority to respond directly to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or welfare or the environment; establishes the categories of persons who are liable for such releases; and outlines a framework for investigating and responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances where the lead agency determines it is necessary. CERCLA generally authorizes three types of cleanup actions: emergency response actions, removal actions, and remedial actions.

Cleanup: Used in this document to describe actions taken to address a release or threat of a release of hazardous substances, pursuant to CERCLA, that could affect public health or welfare or the environment. The word “cleanup” is sometimes used interchangeably with the terms remedial action, removal action, response action, remedy, remediation, or corrective action.

Community Interview: Interviews conducted by the lead agency as part of the process of preparing a Community Involvement Plan. For most response actions, the NCP requires the lead agency to conduct community interviews to determine appropriate activities to ensure public involvement in Site-related decisions.

Community Involvement Plan (CIP): A plan that explains how NPS intends to enable meaningful community involvement throughout the cleanup process by specifying planned community involvement activities to address community needs, concerns, and expectations identified through community interviews and other means.

Engineering Evaluation/Cost Assessment. The EE/CA is an investigation that fully characterizes the nature and extent of Site contamination, evaluates associated potential risks to human health and safety and the environment, identifies relevant cleanup requirements, and develops and evaluates potentially viable alternatives for cleanup in accordance with the NCP using the criteria of: effectiveness, implementability, and cost (USEPA 1993). The EE/CA report also recommends a remedial alternative for cleanup.



Information Repository: A location open to members of the general public where a collection of documents (including the administrative record file) relevant to a particular CERCLA Site is made available for public review and copying. Appendix B, Administrative Record File and Information Repository Details, has the location and address of the El Capitan information repository.

Lead Agency: The government agency with the primary authority to investigate, plan and implement a response action under CERCLA and the NCP at a particular site. In this case, it is the National Park Service.

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP): More commonly called the National Contingency Plan or NCP, it is the federal government's regulatory blueprint for responding to both oil spills and releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances. The NCP is the result of our country's efforts to develop a national response capability and promote overall coordination among the hierarchy of responders and contingency plans. The regulations, published at 40 C.F.R. Part 300, detail how CERCLA is to be implemented.

Non-Time-Critical Removal Action: A removal action conducted when the lead agency determines that there is a planning period of at least six months before on-site activities must be initiated.

Notice of Availability: A formal notice announcing the issuance and public availability of a document or documents (e.g., the administrative record file or updates thereto). A Notice of Availability is also issued when the information repository is established. The notice may also announce commencement of a public comment period.

Public Comment Period: A period during which the public can formally review and comment on various documents and proposed response actions.

Removal Action: A type of CERCLA response action with a planning period of six months or more. A removal action is conducted to address all or a part of a release or threatened release of hazardous substances when the release requires an expedited, time-critical response, or when the release is of limited size and complexity. There are two types of removal actions – time-critical and non-time-critical; sometimes emergency response actions (undertaken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) are referred to as removal actions. The term refers both to the entire removal response action, as well as just the cleanup phase of such an action.

Response Action: The most general CERCLA term used to describe any action taken to respond to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances to protect the public health or welfare or the environment. The term includes all phases of the response, from investigation through monitoring and even enforcement activities. There are generally three types of CERCLA response actions that may be undertaken by NPS as the lead agency: time-critical removal actions, non-time-critical removal actions, and remedial actions. The response action at the Cascade Creosote Dip Tank Site is a non-time-critical removal action.



Responsiveness Summary: Document summarizing the significant comments received during a public comment period and documenting the lead agency's responses to the comments.

Site: The Cascade Creosote Dip Tank Site, which comprises the area contaminated or potentially contaminated by a release or threatened release of hazardous substances. The Site is generally defined by the Wilderness Boundary to the north, El Capitan to the east, and Northside Drive to the south.





APPENDIX B: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FILE AND INFORMATION REPOSITORY DETAILS

The Site administrative record file is maintained in the information repository in El Portal and may be reviewed at the following information repositories during the hours indicated:

Location	
Location Name:	Project Management Division
Address:	5083 Foresta Rd, El Portal, CA 95318
Days and Hours:	M-F, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
For file review appointments, contact:	
Name:	Greg Stock, PhD, PG
Title:	Park Geologist
Organization:	Yosemite National Park
Phone:	(209) 379-1420
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Days and Hours:	M-Th, 7:00am to 4:00 pm





APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY FACT SHEETS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

No fact sheets or community updates have been prepared for this site to date.





APPENDIX D: COMMUNITY INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Knowledge. Have you heard of the El Capitan Former Waste Disposal Site or the Cascade Creosote Dip Tank Site? Do you generally know where these Sites are?
2. General Use. Have you ever visited the Sites or nearby area? If so, what type of activities did you do there? Do you know how *other* people use this area?
3. Land Use or Cultural Issues. Do you or your group have any issues related to land use or cultural concerns at or near the Site that we should be aware of?
4. Level of Concern. Do you or your group have any concerns about environmental issues or logistics? On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate your concern or interest in the Sites?
5. Contact. If you had a question about the Sites, how would you go about getting an answer?
6. Past NPS Interactions. Have you contacted the NPS in the past on this or other issues? How would you rate that experience? What are your thoughts about the NPS? Do you think there are any perceived barriers to communication with the NPS?
7. Community Updates. The NPS format for community updates includes: site background, environmental investigations, next steps, community involvement opportunities, and contact information. Does this sound like the information you would like to get? Can you think of anything else you (or your group) would like to know?
8. Providing Information. What do you think would be the best way to get information to you (Community Updates as well as other information)? Can you think of other ways that might work better for other people? Is there a particular newspaper or website that you find convenient and useful? Is email a good option? Are you aware of any need for translation services, disability services, or technical services? Do you think most people have access to electronic communications?
9. Opportunities to Get Involved. There are opportunities in the investigation and cleanup process for the public to provide input and be involved (such as when a proposed plan for cleanup is issued). Would you like to be contacted with information on how to participate? Are there other people who you think might be interested?
10. Meetings. Where do you think is the best place to have a public meeting in the Yosemite Valley? What time is best? Would *you* go to a public meeting?
11. Other. Can you think of any other people or groups we should talk to about this site? Do you have anything else to add?





APPENDIX E: CONTACT INFORMATION

The NPS will update contact information as necessary.

Site-Specific Contacts

For information about Site cleanup activities, please contact:

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APPENDIX F: NCP COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The NCP specifies the following community involvement requirements for the non-time-critical removal action at this Site:

Required When	Requirement	Citation– 40 C.F.R.
	Designate a Site spokesperson.	§ 300.415(n)(1)
No later than when the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Approval Memorandum is signed	Establish two information repositories (one at a central location and one at or near the Site), and establish an administrative record file and place in the information repositories. Note: a single repository will be housed in El Portal as there is no good location near the Site. An additional electronic repository will be housed on the Park website.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i); § 300.800(a); § 300.805(a)
	Publish notice of availability of the information repository and the administrative record file in a major local newspaper of general circulation.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i); § 300.820(a)(1)
Prior to completion of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis	Conduct community interviews.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i)
	Prepare and issue a Community Involvement Plan.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i)
Upon completion of Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis and publication of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report	Publish notice of availability and brief description of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report in a major local newspaper of general circulation.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(ii); § 300.820(a)(1)
	Provide a public comment period of at least 30 days for submission of written and oral comments. Upon timely request during the public comment period, extend the public comment period by a minimum of 15 additional days.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(iii); § 300.820(a)(2)
	After the close of the public comment period, prepare a written response to significant comments received during the public comment period; consider and respond to significant comments submitted before the public comment period, as appropriate; place any such responses into the administrative record file.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(iv); § 300.820(a)(2)