

**Yosemite Valley Campers Coalition (YVCC)**

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Congressman George Radanovich

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Honorable Congressman Radanovich:

In your response letter to Yosemite Superintendent Michael Tollefson regarding the draft Revised Merced River Plan you identified several "stakeholder" groups. On July 16, 2005 citizens representing most of those groups met together to discuss concerns over the final draft of the Revised Merced River Plan, currently in the 30-day "no action" phase as determined by National Park Service (NPS) Planning Policy. The group collectively has discovered or experienced irregularities that warrant your immediate attention.

Because there is a significantly apparent disconnect between the National Park Service Mission and National Park Service practices in Yosemite, we are asking you to take the following measures:

- 1** Petition NPS Pacific West Regional Director Jon Jarvis to suspend signing the Record of Decision on the Revised Merced River Plan.
- 2** Petition Superintendent Michael Tollefson to halt all plans and project implementation dependent on a valid Merced River Plan (MRP).
- 3** Open immediate discussions under your supervision between the National Park Service at Yosemite and the undersigned stakeholders on the following:
  - a.** Lack of public participation in this latest planning effort
  - b.** Inconsistency in the Public Hearing process
  - c.** Relationship of Director's Order 75A (Civic Engagement and Public Participation) to the National Park Service planning process
  - d.** Confusion over processing of public comments

- e. Confusion/Correlation between park planning process and judicial process with respect to the Revised Merced River Plan and the Yosemite Valley Plan.

Your prompt attention and immediate action on the above concerns will open a transparent and honest dialog for Americans with the National Park Service regarding Yosemite National Park, establishing a model that could save millions of taxpayer and citizen dollars.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your diligent work on these issues.

Sincerely,

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Bridget McGinniss Kerr, El Portal resident

Peggy Mosley, Groveland resident

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cc: Honorable Dianne Feinstein; US Senator, California

Honorable Steve Pearce; Chairman, US House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks

Supervisor Gary Gilbert; District 5, Madera County

Supervisor Bob Pickard; District 5, Mariposa County

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Supervisor Mark Thornton; District 4, Tuolumne County

Jon Jarvis; Director, National Park Service Pacific West Region

Michael Tollefson; Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Linda Dahl; Chief, Yosemite Park Planning

Angela Caldera; Co-Founder, Yosemite Valley Campers Coalition