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Dear Spreck,

Thank you for your recent letter. We share Restore Hetch Hetchy's (RHH) commitment to enhance the visitor experience in the Hetchy Hetchy area.

Many of the recommendations in your letter stem from RHH's "Keeping Promises" report of 2021. We have discussed the report with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and are taking steps to increase access and make other improvements. Some of RHH's suggested improvements require funding which we have been discussing with SFPUC as we negotiate the next agreement and corresponding agreement.

As you know, the NPS recently collaborated with Bureau of Reclamation to update the security assessment. As a result, the number of hours that Hetch Hetchy is open to the public has been increased and we have asked SFPUC to fund enhancements recommended by the assessment that will lessen the burden on Hetchy-area Rangers. We hope to further increase the number of open hours if staff capacity allows.

Providing potable water at the Hetch Hetchy campground and improving the campground is a high priority for NPS. The NPS is developing cost estimates for SFPUC-funded projects to address these priorities. The campground's water and wastewater systems are owned and operated by SFPUC and NPS has no desire or ability to assume responsibility for these utilities. NPS's goal is to improve utilization of the existing campground and improve the camping experience for visitors.

Similarly, we have asked SFPUC to repair the boat ramp and have submitted a proposal for SFPUC to fund the design of improved interpretive signs.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. We appreciate the many conversations with RHH over the years and believe that the visitor experience at Hetch Hetchy has improved as a result.

Sincerely,

Cicely Muldoon
Superintendent