



Restore Hetch Hetchy comments on Yosemite' Visitor Access Management Plan September 6, 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Yosemite National Park's Visitor Access Management Draft Plan and EA (hereinafter, VAMP), published August 2024 with comments due by September 30, 2024.

Our organization is focusses on Hetch Hetchy – both better access and improved recreation opportunities in the short run and restoration to its natural splendor when the water supply function of the current reservoir is moved elsewhere. Hence the comments below pertain only to the National Park Service's management of the Hetch Hetchy region of Yosemite.

Alternative B

We have serious concerns about how reservation restrictions, as included in preferred "Alternative B" would affect access to Hetch Hetchy at times when overcrowding is of little or no concern. Moreover, we believe there is much that the National Park Service can do to improve access for park visitors to Hetch Hetchy, both within the popular spring snowmelt season and throughout the year.

We do understand that parking at Hetch Hetchy is limited was filled on 15 days, all weekends and holidays, during the spring snowmelt season. Primarily visitors take the spectacular hike to Wapama Falls. We concur that it doe makes sense to restrict access during these times.

One snowmelt is over, the hike to Wapama is less popular and parking at Hetch Hetchy is far less likely to be a limiting factor. It does not make sense, therefore, to restrict access to Hetch Hetchy during the summer season when visitation is lower.

For simplicity, we recommend the National Park Service require reservations throughout the park (including Hetch Hetchy) on weekends in the late spring, but eliminate the restriction at Hetch Hetchy during the summer season.

Improving Access at Hetch Hetchy

There are other measures we ask the National Park Service to take to provide park visitors rightful access to their national park, both during the spring snowmelt season and throughout the year, including:

- Providing public transportation to Hetch Hetchy. Reservations are not required to enter Yosemite National Park through its Big Oak Flat, Arch Rock, Tioga and South Entrances if visitors are taking public transportation. Let's make this option available at Hetch Hetchy.

- Let's allow all visitors to camp at the Hetch Hetchy Campground – and enforce San Francisco's legal duty to provide water to the Campground.
- San Francisco's use of its Cabin 1 (aka the Chalet), Cabin 2 and Bunkhouse and the surrounding area does not appear to be consistent with the Raker Act and the National Park Service has failed to produce documentation indicating that San Francisco is permitted to use these cabins for its authorized guests. The National Park Service should make this area available to the public by allowing all visitors to book lodging, converting the area to camping and/or converting the area to parking.
- In 2024, the National Park Service changed its rationale for prohibiting boating and fishing at Hetch Hetchy. The new rationale (alleging discretion under the NPS Organic Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act) is not in the interest of park visitors and is at best a questionable interpretation of those statutes. Restore Hetch Hetchy renews its request that non-motorized boating and fishing at Hetch Hetchy Reservoir be allowed.

Below we attach a group letter, signed by 781 people and submitted to Superintendent Muldoon a year ago, in support of improved access and recreational opportunities in the Hetch Hetchy area.

September 5, 2023 (Updated)

Dear Superintendent Muldoon:

As the popularity of our national parks continues to increase, we believe it is important for the National Park Service to improve the visitor experience wherever possible. Much of Yosemite National Park is overcrowded, and in fact requires reservations during most of the year, but the Hetch Hetchy area is underutilized.

We support the following options to improve access and expand recreational opportunities at Hetch Hetchy:

- **Leaving the gate at the Hetch Hetchy entrance open 24 hours a day under normal circumstances, similar to the policy at Yosemite's other 4 entrances;**
- **Expanding trails;**
- **Improving the campground and allowing all visitors to stay overnight at Hetch Hetchy; and**
- **Allowing low-impact, non-polluting boating on the reservoir.**

Thank you,

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