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Board of Supervisors

Devil's Postpile National

Monument Proposed

General Mgmt Plan

Briefing/Comments

**(full copies of Draft Plan AND Newsletter
available for viewing in the clerk's office)**



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Devils Postpile News Release

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Date: March 3, 2014

Subject: *Tourism to Devils Postpile National Monument creates over \$5Million in Economic Benefits Report shows visitor spending supports 65 jobs in the local economy*

Mammoth Lakes CA – A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that nearly 90,000 visitors to Devils Postpile in 2012 spent \$5.128 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 65 jobs in the local area. “Devils Postpile is proud to welcome visitors from across the country and around the world,” said Superintendent Deanna Dulen, and “We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides and to use the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers.” National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy – returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service - and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well.

“We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities,” said Superintendent Deanna Dulen and, “Devils Postpile National Monument illustrates its value, as a constantly renewing resource, that provides sustainability with its ecotourism values of natural beauty and renewal for the human spirit. It’s our clean, green energy for the engine that drives our local economy.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Christopher Huber and Lynne Koontz for the National Park Service. The report shows \$14.7 billion of direct spending by 283 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 243,000 jobs nationally, with 201,000 jobs found in these gateway communities, and had a cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy of \$26.75 billion.

According to the report most visitor spending supports jobs in restaurants, grocery and convenience stores (39 percent), hotels, motels and B&Bs (27 percent), and other amusement and recreation (20 percent).

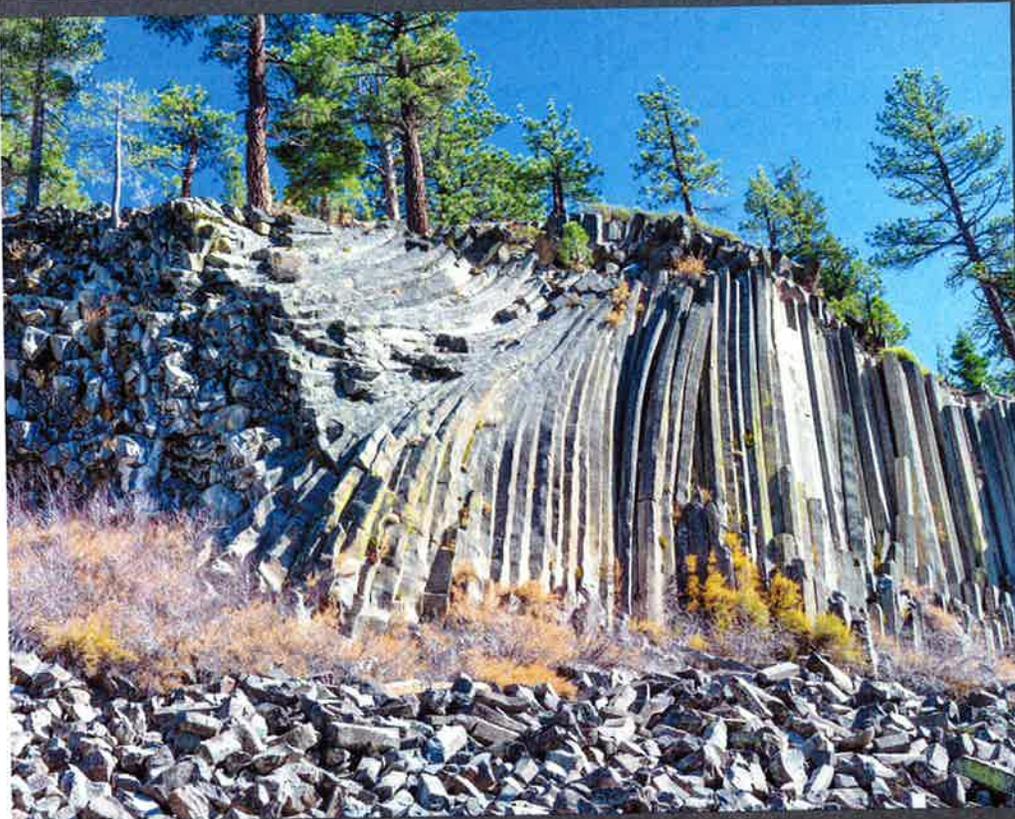
To download the report visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm>
The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.
To learn more about national parks in California and how the National Park Service works with California communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/California

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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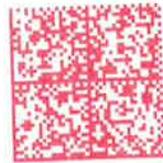
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Draft General Management Plan
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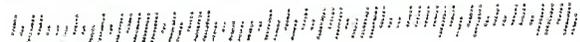
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DEVILS POSTPILE NATIONAL MONUMENT

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General Management Plan Schedule

Public Open House

Please join us for a public open house to learn more about the GMP and share your feedback and comments:

Location:
 Mammoth Lakes Library
 400 Sierra Park Rd
 Mammoth Lakes, CA

Date:
 Wednesday
 August 20, 2014

Time:
 3:00 - 6:00 pm

GMP Website:
 For the most current information and to provide comments directly online:
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/depo>

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Estimated Time Frame	Planning Activity	Public Involvement Opportunities
Summer 2009	Conduct Public Scoping Identify goals and issues that need to be addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review newsletter Send us your ideas and concerns using the response form Participate in public workshops and voice your ideas and concerns about the future of the monument and meet the planning team
2010	Develop Preliminary Alternatives Based on results of public scoping, develop a draft outline of different possible futures and strategies for the monument.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review public scoping comment newsletter Send us your ideas and concerns using the response form Participate in public workshops and voice your ideas and concerns about the future of the monument and meet the planning team
2011	Public Review of Preliminary Alternatives Solicit comments on preliminary alternative visions for the monument's future from the public, monument partners, government agencies, and other stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review preliminary alternatives newsletter Send us your written comments on the range of alternatives Participate in public workshops to learn more about proposed draft alternatives
2014	Prepare and Distribute Draft GMP/EA Revise alternatives based on comments. Prepare and distribute a Draft GMP/EA, including identification of a preferred alternative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Draft GMP/EA or summary newsletter Send us your written comments on the Draft GMP/EA Participate in public workshops and voice your opinions
2015	Prepare and Distribute a Finding of No Significant Impact and Implement the Approved Plan Prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact and implement the plan as funding allows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the monument to implement the plan

We are currently at this step

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Caltrans MOU

Amendment

FIFTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONWAY RANCH MOU

THIS FIFTH AMENDMENT OF the Conway Ranch Memorandum of Understanding (FIFTH AMENDMENT) is ENTERED INTO as of August 19, 2014, between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, referred to herein as "STATE", and the COUNTY OF MONO, a political subdivision of the State of California, referred to herein as "COUNTY". The State and County are sometimes referred to herein as "the parties."

RECITALS

1. The parties hereto entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on May 20, 2013 defining the terms and conditions regarding the Conway and Mattly Ranches.
2. By previous amendments of the MOU, the deadline for implementation of the provisions of the MOU was extended until September 1, 2014. The parties also amended the MOU to address an issue that arose pertaining to lot B in the Conway Ranch subdivision (APN 019-210-060).
3. While considerable progress has been made toward implementation of the MOU, more time is necessary. In addition, it has come to the parties' attention that there are certain encroachments (trespasses) on County property within the Conway Ranch subdivision portion of the property, which will need to be resolved before that portion of the property can be included in a conservation easement. As a result, the parties have decided to accomplish the conservation easement in two phases: the first phase would involve all portions of the property other than the area in the subdivision with encroachment issues; the second phase would involve that subdivision area, after the encroachment issues have been resolved.
4. Through this fifth amendment, the parties wish to address the phasing issue and to extend the deadline for implementation of MOU provisions with respect to phase one until December 1, 2014, and to extend the deadline for implementation of MOU provisions with respect to phase two until July 1, 2015.

IT IS THEREFORE MUTUALLY AGREED

1. The first paragraph of the "Roles and Responsibilities" portion of the MOU is revised to read as follows:

"As a condition of approval by Caltrans for the removal of 75 acres plus Lot B from the grant restrictions and as agreed to by both parties, Mono County will grant a conservation easement for the remaining portions of both the Conway and Mattly Ranches to the Eastern Sierra Land Trust (see Exhibit A), which may be accomplished in two phases in order to allow the County time to resolve certain encroachment (trespass) issues in the Conway Ranch subdivision portion of the property. Specifically, phase one shall consist of the entire property with the exception of that subdivision portion with potential encroachment and/or boundary uncertainty issues (Lots 5, 17, 21, 24, 105, 106, 107, and 108); and phase two shall consist of that subdivision portion that was not included in phase one (i.e., Lots 5, 17, 21, 24, 105, 106, 107, and 108). Note: Lot B will not be included in either phase. For purposes of satisfying the aforementioned condition of approval (with respect to both phases), Mono County is only required to include in the *Conservation Easement* provisions reiterating and potentially clarifying the existing restrictions and requirements of the Caltrans-administered grants that will still be applicable to various portions of the property (outside of the 75 acres) and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust will only be responsible for ensuring that future uses and management of the property are consistent with those existing

Deleted:

Deleted: the precise description of which shall be mutually-developed by and agreeable to the parties

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restrictions and requirements. (Note: although not mandated by Caltrans or by the foregoing language, Mono County's present intention is to include the 75 acres within the *Conservation Easement*, with specific provisions applicable only to that area.)"

2. The last sentence of the paragraph in the "Roles and Responsibilities" portion of the MOU that begins with "Caltrans will fund half of the cost . . ." is amended to read as follows: "Funding of the entire Stewardship Fund shall occur within 30 days after recording of the *Conservation Easement* with respect to the phase one portion of the property (and no further Stewardship Fund funding shall be required after recording of a subsequent document extending the *Conservation Easement* to the phase two portion of the property)."
3. The paragraph of the "Roles and Responsibilities" portion of the MOU that begins with "The existing *Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants . . .*" is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"The existing *Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants* and/or the underlying grant agreements will be amended to change the legal description of the real property encumbered by said agreements (in order to exclude the 75-acre portion and Lot B). Said amendment will be recorded or otherwise effectuated on the same day or prior to the recording of the *Conservation Easement* with respect to the phase one portion of the property."
4. The second sentence of the last paragraph of the Roles and Responsibilities portion of the MOU is amended in its entirety to read as follows: "The parties have until December 1, 2014, to implement all provisions of this MOU with respect to phase one; and the parties have until July 1, 2015, to implement all provisions of this MOU with respect to phase two. See discussion above regarding phasing of the conservation easement."
5. All other terms and conditions of the MOU not hereby amended remain in full force and effect and are hereby incorporated by reference and reaffirmed by the parties.

EXECUTION

The parties have executed and entered into this Fifth Amendment through their authorized representatives whose signatures are below.

Mono County

By: Larry K. Johnston, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Dated: _____

Approved as to form:

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel

California Department of Transportation

THOMAS P. HALLENBECK
District 9 Director
Dated: _____

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**Analysis made by
RCD Consultants Re
the Potential for
Water Right Holders**

**(NFWF informational folder
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Walker Basin
Restoration Program

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Lyon County

Mason Valley Conservation District

Mineral County

Mono County

The Nature Conservancy

Smith Valley Conservation District

Trout Unlimited

Walker River Irrigation District

Walker Lake Working Group

TRIBAL

Walker River Paiute Tribe

Yerington Paiute Tribe

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Desert Research Institute

Nevada Department of Wildlife

Nevada Division of Water Resources

University of Nevada, Reno

FEDERAL

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Board of Water Commissioners

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Geological Survey

