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July 16, 2019

Ms. Natalie Rizzi, Planner I
County of Tuolumne
Community Resources Agency
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

TUO-120-PM R50.350
Yosemite Under Canvas
Site Development Permit
SDP18-002
SCH# 2019029073

Dear Ms. Rizzi,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the notice of preparation of environmental document with State Clearinghouse Number 2019029073 for Yosemite Under Canvas Site Development Permit SDP18-002 application to allow the development of a 99-unit luxury tent campground ("glamping") site and supporting facilities such as a mobile kitchen, dining and reception tent, laundry facility, and bathrooms. The project site consists of two parcels totaling 80.1± acres and is located south of the intersection of Hardin Flat Road and State Route (SR) 120 on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 068-120-062 and 068-120-063.

Caltrans has responded to the previous routing of this project on August 6, 2018, August 24, 2018, and March 25, 2019. Previous comments still apply and the following comments are in addition to all previous comments provided:

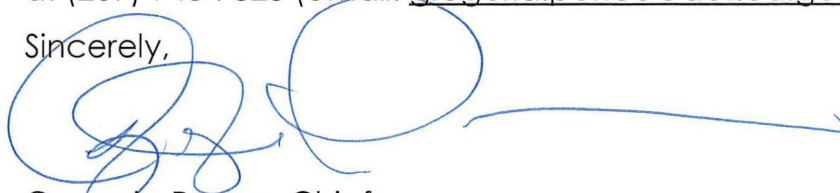
Any development of highway access from either parcel will require an identification study for cultural resources in the Caltrans right of way (ROW) unless the ROW is prescriptive from USFS and USFS would prefer to act as primary cultural resources oversight.

If the project proponent expects work will encroach into Caltrans ROW, Caltrans recommends the project proponent to submit results of the pre-construction bird survey and botanical plant survey to ensure that rare plants (slender-stemmed monkeyflower and Small's southern clarkia) previously identified near Caltrans ROW in the area are avoided. Please note, outside our ROW, the jurisdictional drainages within the project scope appear to need 401/404/1602 permits. Please have all acquired permits included in the package submission.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Austin Sos at (209) 948-7936 (email: austin.sos@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 948-7325 (email: gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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C: Darin Grossi, Executive Director Tuolumne County Transportation Council
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