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Weed Specialists:

My name is Jannis Jocius and I am the biological technician for Nez Perce National Historical Park . This summer I am working on our park's invasive weed management plan. For reference, can I get a hard and digital copy of Yosemite's Parkwide Invasive Plant Management Plan?

My address is:
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Thank you,

Jannis Jocius
Biological Technician
Nez Perce National Historical Park



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I have reviewed this document and have the following comments.

My experience has been that foxglove, *Digitalis purpurea*, can be removed from small areas without the use of herbicide. This involved pulling before flowering for several seasons. This was done in the Sierras at middle elevations.

If you do not have reed canary grass, *Phalaris arandinacea*, it would seem that a future infestation would be possible. Where it occurs in Kings Canyon National Park it is well established and efforts are being made to find a way to remove this invasive plant. Efforts continue but do not appear to be successful at this point.

I would support Alternative II as presented in the Environmental Assessment.

Thank you,
S.K. Stocking,
Consulting Field Botanist

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Dear Sir:

I wish to offer a comment for the Invasive Plant Management Plan Environmental Assessment. I believe that a prompt and aggressive effort should be made to eradicate or control invasive plants in both natural and developed areas of the Park, roughly as outlined in the proposed Alternative 3.

Over the past forty years, I have been a frequent visitor to Yosemite, backpacking and climbing extensively in the high country. I have also done some volunteer weed control work in local Bay Area parks. I have noticed weed infestations in Yosemite, particularly in disturbed and heavily visited areas such as the Valley and the Highway 120 corridor. Weeds in these disturbed and developed areas are likely to be disseminated continuously into the wilderness if they are not eradicated.

Spot application of herbicides such as glyphosate or aminopyralid is an essential part of any effective program to control perennial weeds. I know from experience that merely grubbing out vines of Himalayan blackberry, for example, is ineffective; residual roots and root fragments will sprout new vines. Glyphosate, in particular, has a long record of safe and environmentally compatible use in weed control. It binds tightly to soil and is rapidly degraded, so there is virtually no effect on non-target organisms. Considering the low toxicity of these herbicides, I see no reasonable objection to using them, as spot applications, in areas frequented by visitors.

Non-invasive exotics, such as the apple trees in Curry Village, should also be removed eventually (primarily because of their effect on bears!), but this is not an urgent concern. The historical significance of these plantings (as well as sugar maple, giant sequoia, etc.) is rather trivial.

Volunteer effort should be an important part of the weed control program. I, for one, would be happy to lend a hand!

Sincerely yours,

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