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IN REPLY REFER TO:

1.A.2. (Wilsonia)

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Dear Interested Parties:

The National Park Service (NPS) has completed a plan and corresponding environmental assessment (EA) for the disposition of 12 NPS-owned structures in the Wilsonia Historic District within Kings Canyon National Park. As part of the implementation of this plan, the NPS will be working with the public interested in participating in land exchanges or leasing as described in the selected alternative.

In brief, the NPS selected a modified-preferred alternative based upon Alternative G in the EA.

1. Seek land exchanges (title).
2. Seek partners for non-NPS adaptive reuse – leasing and assigning (including partnering).
3. If there are no parties interested in land exchanges or non-NPS adaptive reuse for specific structures, then the structures will either be: (a.) Stabilized as static elements of the Historic District. (b.) Improved for NPS adaptive reuse. (c.) Removed from the site and the property restored.

Implementation of the selected alternative will: (1) Meet legal requirements. (2) Protect park natural and cultural resources. (3) Manage NPS-owned properties in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner. (4) Ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Director's Order #28: (5) Cultural Resource Management. (6) Consider *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. (7) Meet minimum life-health-safety codes and/or requirements, and determine applicable code and policy variances. (8) Maintain the integrity of the Wilsonia Historic District.

More information on what will be required of participants can be found listed in the decision document for this project on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>

At this time, details on the application process are still being finalized, but if you have a serious interest in land exchanges within Wilsonia or leasing a NPS-owned structure in Wilsonia, please contact Christine Smith, Management Assistant at (559) 565-3105 or Christine_Smith@nps.gov for more information or to be put on our mailing list.

Sincerely,

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