

Hello I would like to comment on SEKI's wilderness plan.

I travel by foot through SEKI several times a year, and have done so extensively for the past 12 years. I know the parks very well, and the problems that they face.

I would like to see all stock use, and grazing eliminated out of the national park. These animals cause significant damage to our national park. At the very least strict limits need to be placed on these animals.

- Smaller groups of less than 10 animals
- required manure catchers at all times
- made to pay for all the trail damage they create
- limit their elevation to under 9700'
- required to bring in their own food
- keep animal tied up at all times
- limited to only a few select trails
- no cross country travel
- no commercial groups
- limit stock travel to only people physically unable to walk with a pack
- limit what they can carry into park to only essential items- no luxury items
- the pack station camp and High Sierra camp should be removed
- remove fences

Again these measures are at the very least of what I would like to see done. What really needs to be done is an outright ban on all stock use in the National Park. Also the system of permit quotas needs to be made fair between user groups. All users should be required to go through the same system. I would like to see all commercial use of the parks eliminated.

The quality of my experience in the national parks is significantly degraded by these pack animals. The damage they cause to the national parks is real and must be stopped.

Thanks for reading, I hope it makes a difference.

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