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**Subject:** Conf call on MRP ROD at 11 am Pacific time  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 12:29:12 PM

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Hello all:

Please call in to the number below; I look forward to talking to you all.

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**From:** Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks [mailto:Carol.Roland-Nawi@parks.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 2:29 PM  
**To:** Anthony Veerkamp; Katty Harris; Beason, Mark@Parks; Kitty Henderson; Caroline D. Hall  
**Cc:** Amy Cole; Betsy Merritt  
**Subject:** RE: NTHP concerns regarding MRP ROD

Anthony – I would like to participate.

*Carol Roland Nawi*

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**From:** Anthony Veerkamp [mailto:AVeerkamp@savingplaces.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 12:03 PM  
**To:** Katty Harris; Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks; Beason, Mark@Parks; Kitty Henderson; Caroline D. Hall  
**Cc:** Amy Cole; Betsy Merritt  
**Subject:** RE: NTHP concerns regarding MRP ROD

Thank you Katty, Caroline, and Kitty. Naturally our calendars are a bit congested, but can you all hold 11 am pac time/1 pm east coast while we wait to hear from the others?

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**From:** Katry Harris [<mailto:kharris@achp.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 11:55 AM  
**To:** Anthony Veerkamp; John Fowler; [Carol.Roland-Nawi@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Carol.Roland-Nawi@parks.ca.gov); Beason, Mark@Parks; Tom McCulloch; Kitty Henderson  
**Cc:** Amy Cole; Betsy Merritt; Caroline D. Hall  
**Subject:** RE: NTHP concerns regarding MRP ROD

Anthony –

Caroline Hall would also like to participate from the ACHP (Tom McCulloch and John Fowler will not) in the phone meeting. Her schedule is also open on Monday. Her availability on Tuesday is the opposite of mine. A meeting on Monday would be best for us.

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**From:** Anthony Veerkamp [<mailto:AVeerkamp@savingplaces.org>]  
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**To:** John Fowler; [Carol.Roland-Nawi@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Carol.Roland-Nawi@parks.ca.gov); Beason, Mark@Parks; Tom McCulloch; Kitty Henderson; Katry Harris  
**Cc:** Amy Cole; Elizabeth Merritt  
**Subject:** NTHP concerns regarding MRP ROD

Hello all:

I am writing to raise the National Trust's concerns regarding the Merced River Plan ROD. You may not all have seen the document yet, which has had a rather peculiar reveal—it was posted to the YOSE website on March 31, but the notice of availability only appeared in the Federal Register on May 6. To the best of my knowledge, consulting parties have not yet been formally notified of its availability.

[http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/upload/MRP\\_ROD\\_package\\_Full\\_web.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/upload/MRP_ROD_package_Full_web.pdf)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/05/06/2014-10367/notice-of-availability-of-record-of-decision-for-merced-river-comprehensive-management-plan-yosemite>

Attached you will find an analysis that I've prepared with assistance from Betsy Merritt and Amy Cole. As you'll see, we have three major concerns regarding the ROD:

- Language regarding the Superintendent's House & Garage that suggests that the park has no

intention of seriously exploring options to relocate the property;

- Language regarding future planning for Sugar Pine Bridge that is in direct conflict with the PA;
- A Determination of Non-Impairment for historic properties that is based on the arguments that the plan benefits natural resources and that “change is inherent” in Yosemite.

We would welcome a discussion with you all regarding our concerns. Amy Cole and I plan to contact Kathleen Morse on Monday specifically to discuss the conflicting language regarding Sugar Pine Bridge. We assume the inconsistency is unintentional, and is yet another case of old language slipping into final documents. I will be out of the country starting next Wednesday, but we would be happy to try to arrange a call before I leave. Failing that, we could schedule call for while I’m away.

Please let Amy and me know if you would like us to try to schedule a call for Monday or Tuesday.

Best,

Anthony

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