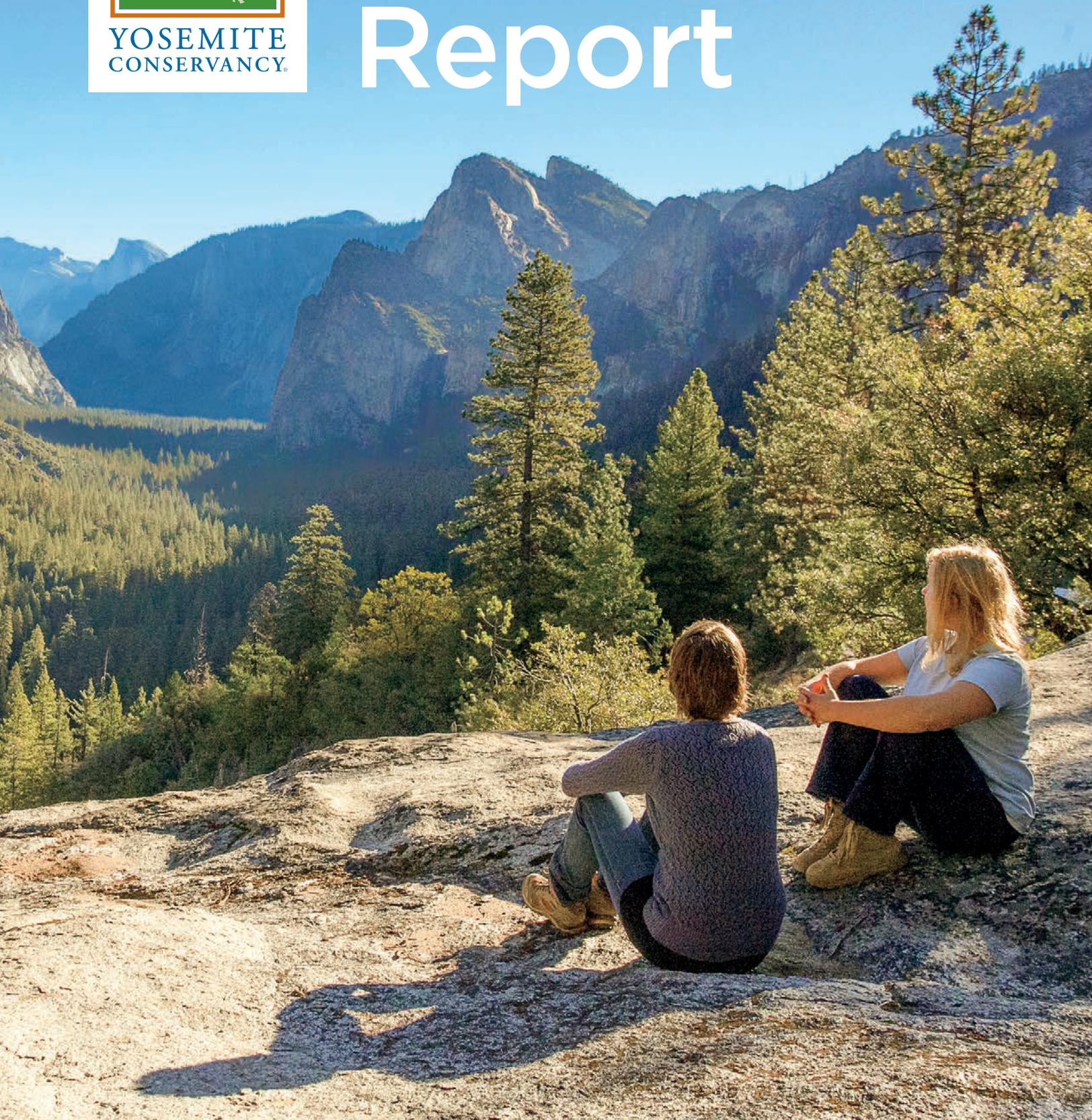


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Providing For Yosemite's Future

OUR MISSION

Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite and enrich the visitor experience.

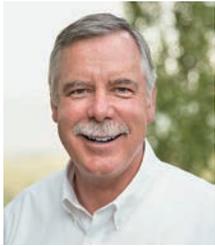
CHAIR & PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Friend of Yosemite



Philip L. Pillsbury Jr., Chair

As an organization, we've learned a lot during more than nine decades of partnership with Yosemite. One constant stands out: People such as you, who are willing to donate personal resources to help protect natural ones, play a crucial part in preserving our park. We're grateful for your support in 2016, which funded 34 new grants and was a key part of more than \$18 million in total aid to Yosemite.



Frank Dean, President

Thanks to you, opportunities to reflect on and celebrate Yosemite abounded in 2016 — starting on day one. On Jan. 1, we helped kick off the National Park Service's 100th year by joining a Rose Parade equestrian unit honoring the role horses and mules play in our parks.

Warmer weather brought our theater and art programs, which served more than 12,000 visitors in 2016, and a diverse crop of projects, including sequoia and songbird research, trail and habitat restoration, and a special exhibit for the Yosemite Museum's 90th anniversary. Meanwhile, our naturalists helped visitors connect with the park through backpacking trips and day hikes; overall, our Outdoor Adventures team coordinated 290 expert-led outings last year.

As the year drew to a close, temperatures waned, but your impact did not. Thanks to your gifts, 400-acre Ackerson Meadow became Yosemite's newest protected habitat; local students discovered their nearby national park; and crews made major strides in Mariposa Grove, where a new trail system and regenerated habitat are rejuvenating the ancient forest that helped inspire the national park idea.

As we look forward to many more decades of working to preserve Yosemite, we reflect with gratitude on all your support has made possible. Thank you for making a difference in your park!

Philip L. Pillsbury Jr., Chair

Frank Dean, President



Thank You, Phil

After three years of captaining the Conservancy's Board of Trustees, longtime Yosemite supporter Phil L. Pillsbury Jr. is handing the reins to a new leader, Bob Bennett. Phil's tenure covered a warm welcome for President Frank Dean, key park anniversaries, more than 100 grants and much of the major work in Mariposa Grove. We are grateful for Phil's strong leadership and generous support, and we look forward to continuing to work with him!

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The nine Youth in Yosemite Programs you supported in 2016 helped more than 25,000 young people connect with the park. PHOTO: © COURTESY OF NPS.

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Your Gifts at Work

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

More than 42,000 donors contributed to our mission in 2016 — and each made a meaningful difference in Yosemite. Your gifts funded trail and habitat restoration, fueled fieldwork to study and protect rare species, expanded access to historic collections, and much more. You also helped us offer 645 unique opportunities for people to enrich their Yosemite experience through theater shows, art workshops and expert-led adventures.

The examples highlighted here are just a few of the many ways your gifts benefitted Yosemite last year. Visit us online to learn more about how you helped your park!

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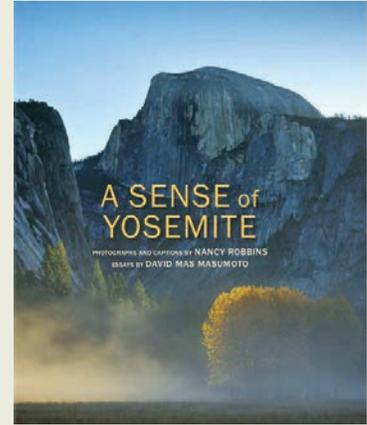
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To create clearly delineated, environmentally sound approach trails for rock-climbers, park staff, volunteers and interns removed informal paths and improved more than **5 miles of access trails** around popular climbing spots.

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Eight new titles joined our publishing lineup, including the photo- and essay-filled *A Sense of Yosemite*. Our in-park and online bookstores enabled visitors to support the park through purchases of books, apparel and other high-quality products.

While rerouting poorly drained sections of the iconic John Muir Trail in **Lyell Canyon**, restoration crews built 1,320 feet of new trail on dry, durable ground and restored 94,560 square feet of meadow habitat.



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More than 290 dedicated **Conservancy volunteers** contributed nearly \$450,000 in donated labor to Yosemite. They removed invasive plants and social trails, improved habitat for sequoias and pollinators, and shared information with 400,000 visitors.



By renting out **10,500 bear-proof canisters** for food storage, our Wilderness team provided visitors with an easy-to-use tool that helps protect Yosemite animals. Rental fees support wildlife management and other projects.

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Biologists working to restore **amphibian and reptile species** released 10 western pond turtles and 2,000 California red-legged frog tadpoles in Yosemite Valley, and introduced endangered Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs to two high country lakes.

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



Safety-focused grants funded two new tent cabins to house **Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers**, who help with 200–300 missions annually, and supported the **Preventive SAR program**, which completed a record 37,000 visitor contacts in 2016.



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Botanists finished a two-year study on rare **“fire-following” flowers** that emerge after blazes. Overall, they mapped 898 populations of 32 special-status plants, including some, such as shortleaf alpinegold, found only in the Sierra Nevada.

Statement of Financial Position

As of Dec. 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash & Investments	\$12,034,097
Receivables & Other Assets	\$2,125,939
Total Current Assets	\$14,160,036
Pledges Receivable, Net of Current Portion	\$758,515
Furniture & Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$574,498
Land Held for Future Use	\$764,200
Deposits	\$14,500

TOTAL ASSETS **\$16,271,749**

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$822,030
Grants Payable to Yosemite National Park, Current Portion	\$563,861

Total Current Liabilities **\$1,385,891**

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted*	\$12,811,849
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,060,300
Permanently Restricted	\$1,013,709

Total Net Assets **\$14,885,858**

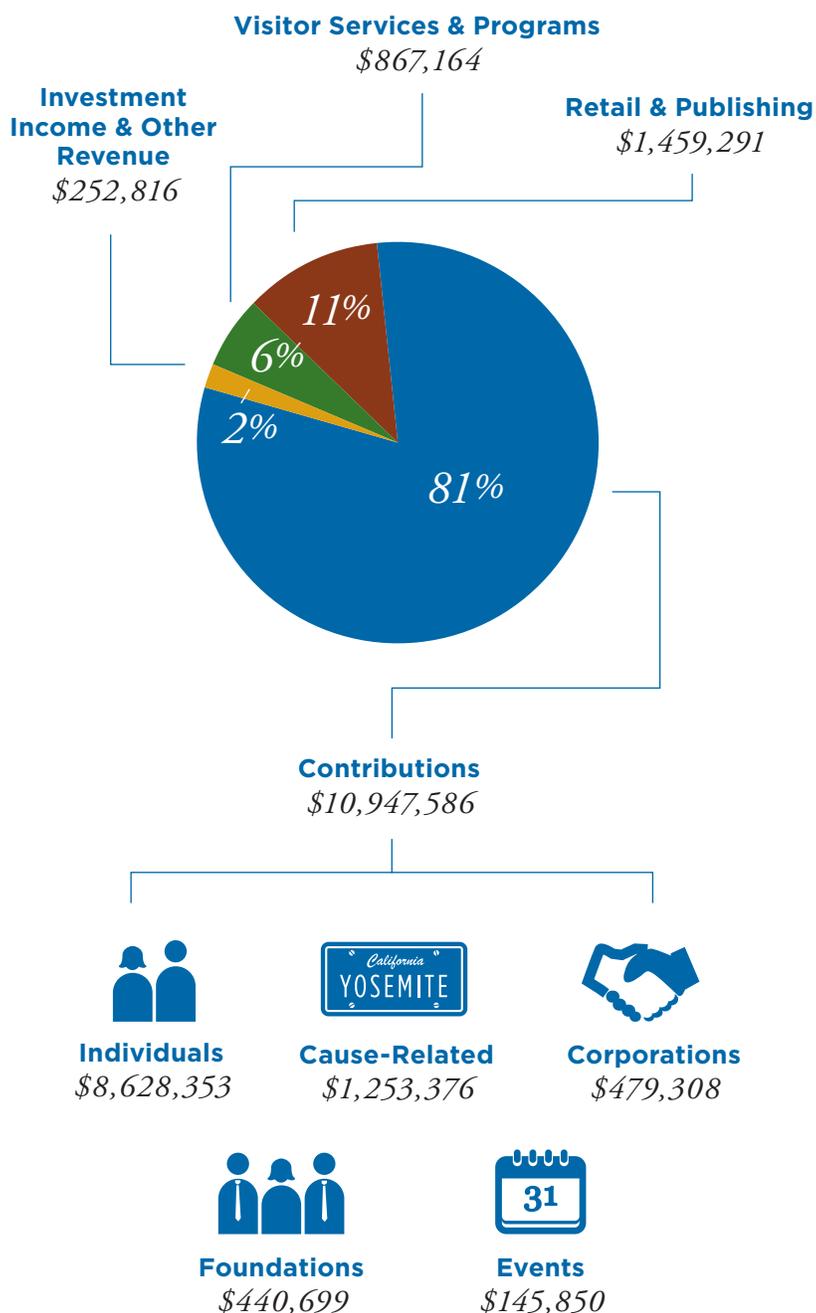
TOTAL LIABILITIES

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*Reserves are maintained to meet future grant obligations to Yosemite National Park.

Support & Revenue

\$13,526,857



Statement of Activities

As of Dec. 31, 2016

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions	\$10,947,586
Retail & Publishing	\$1,459,291
Visitor Services & Programs	\$867,164
Investment Income &	
Other Revenue	\$252,816

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$13,526,857

EXPENSES

Aid to Park

Park Enhancements	\$14,387,817
Retail & Publishing	\$1,057,929
Visitor Services & Programs	\$2,636,189

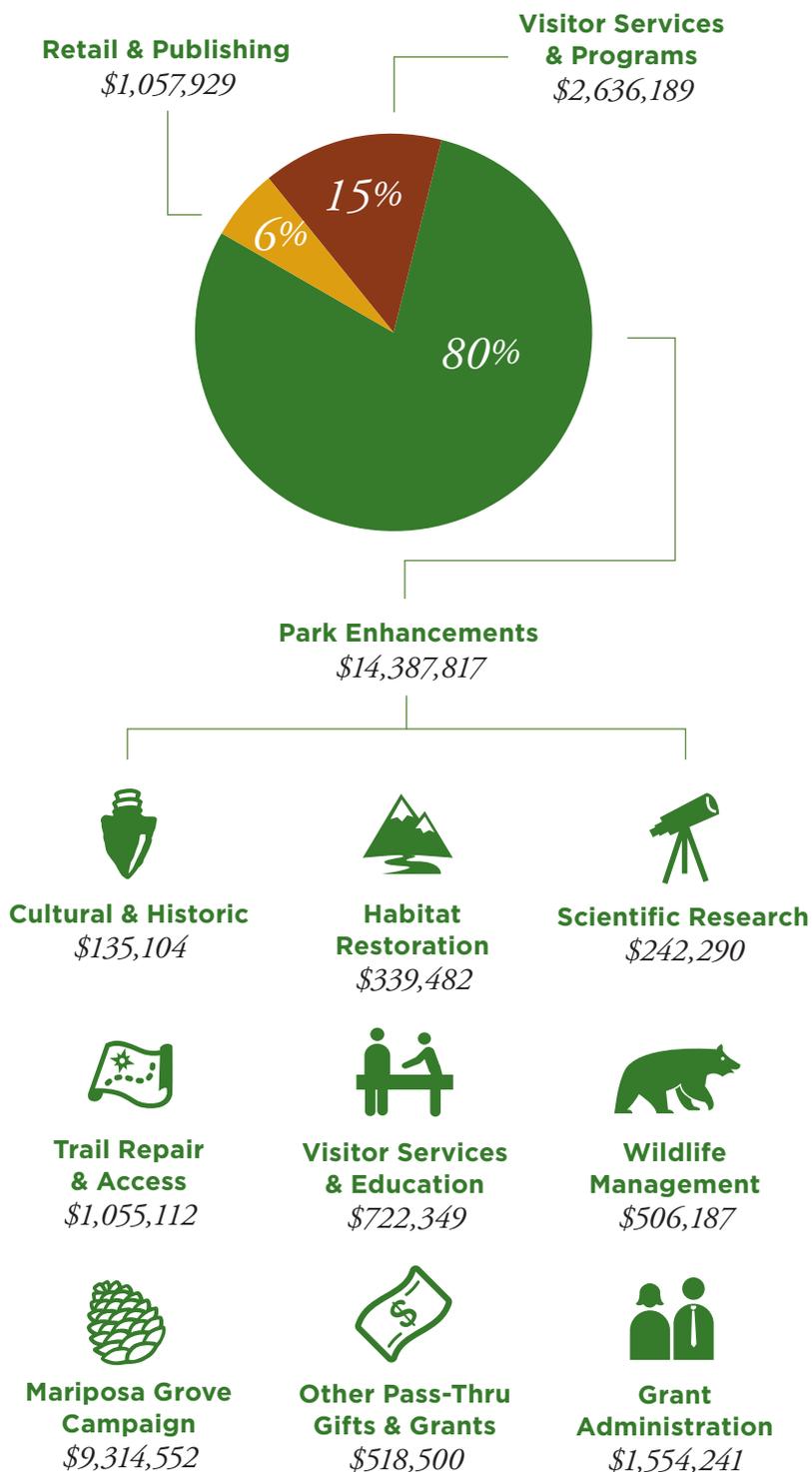
Total Aid to Park \$18,081,935

Administrative	\$993,104
Fundraising	\$1,395,643

TOTAL EXPENSES \$20,470,682

Aid to Yosemite National Park

\$18,081,935



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Yosemite Conservancy is extremely grateful to acknowledge the John Muir Heritage Society and Joseph Le Conte Legacy Society individual donors, foundations, and corporations listed below who supported our work at a leadership level from Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2016, as well as the numerous donors of \$25 and more listed in the Honor Register at the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite National Park. Thanks to all of our generous donors, we are able to fulfill our mission to preserve and protect Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience — today and for future generations.

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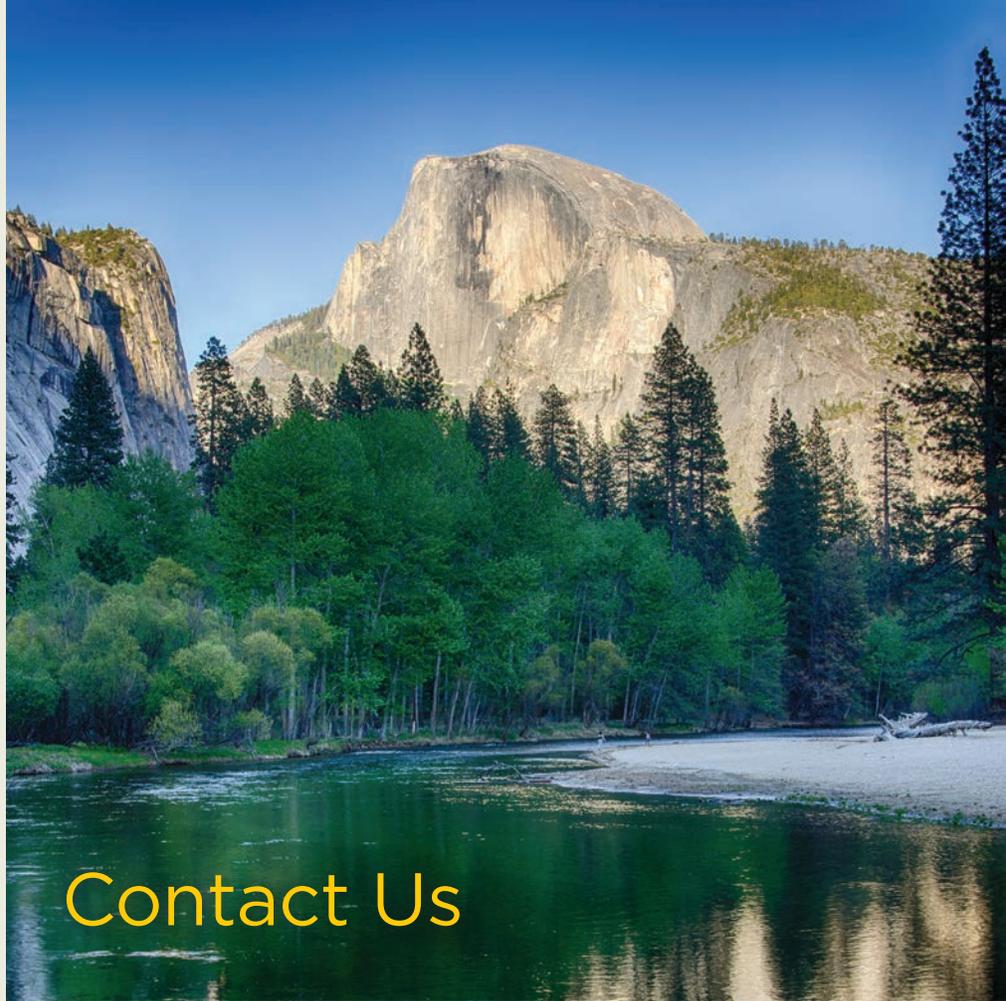


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