

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation oversight hearing on the “*Public Impact of Closing Amenities on Yosemite National Park*”
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Wendy Brown
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
Yosemite For Everyone-Founder-Chairman
3. Business Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Wendy Brown/Yosemite for Everyone

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Yes. I have a B.A. degree from San Diego State College, as well as a California Teaching Credential in elementary education. I have lived in Mariposa for forty two years. I am an outdoor enthusiast, a horse owner, and stock user, and have a good understanding of our public lands, and Yosemite National Park. I have been involved in the Merced River Plan since April 2012 when Yosemite National Park released the first workbook for public review. Since then I have attended many public meetings on the Merced River Plan, and have studied the Merced Wild and Scenic River Draft Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. I have given presentations to local organizations about “The Plan,” and encouraged public input.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

No licenses, certification, or affiliations held that are relevant to my testimony at this hearing.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Yes. For over 38 years I have been employed at a family owned & operated restaurant in downtown Mariposa. During my employment I served visitors from all over the world that were coming to visit Yosemite. I enjoy telling them of all the things they can see and do in the park, what amenities are offered, and directions to get where they want to go. Over the span of four decades the restaurant struggled through many catastrophic events such as floods, rock slides, and wildfires that closed the “all weather highway” to Yosemite for extended periods of time.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

No.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None.

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None.

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Through the years I have spent quality time with family and friends in Yosemite. I have enjoyed personally most of the recreational activities, camping, and amenities that the park offers. What affects Yosemite National Park absolutely affects the outlying communities in regards to their economy, employment, and visitor experience. I also represent the opinions and views of many Mariposa and Madera County residents and tax paying Americans.

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

Yes. I am a founding member and chairman of Yosemite For Everyone

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

No.

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

None.

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None.

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

None.