



Concessionaire Housing Development

A public scoping notice for a proposed project to increase concessionaire housing within Yellowstone National Park

Project Proposal

The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to develop seasonal housing for concessions employees in two locations within Yellowstone National Park; West Entrance and Canyon Village. The purpose of the project is to expand housing availability in the park.

In this proposal, the NPS would permit construction of up to 25 RV sites and a bath house adjacent to the General Store Warehouse near the West Entrance to be used as seasonal housing for General Store employees (Figure 1). Additionally, this proposal would redevelop and modify an abandoned loop within Canyon Campground to house concessions employees who work at the Canyon Lodges. A combination of up to 14 RV sites and 6 modular homes would be integrated into the camper loop. Existing comfort stations would be rehabilitated to provide shower and laundry facilities (Figure 2).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Why is this Project Needed?

Canyon Village: In 2017, Yellowstone National Park Lodges completed construction of 5 new lodging facilities in Canyon Village to replace deteriorating cabin loops originally constructed in the 1950's. The lodging redevelopment at Canyon increased guest capacity to over

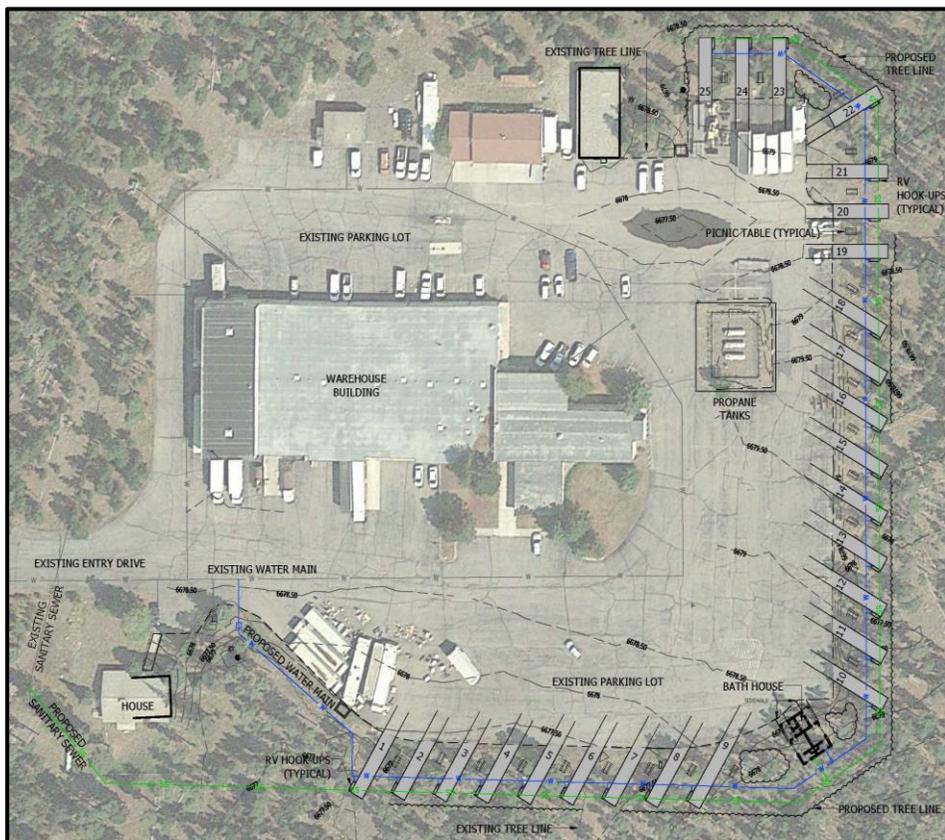


Figure 1-West Entrance Proposed Project Site

2,200 per night. The increase in guest capacity and services has prompted the need for additional front-line and supervisory employees to live throughout the season at Canyon to provide services such as housekeeping and maintenance. Existing dormitories at Canyon are overcapacity and cannot accommodate additional employees. The proposed construction in the Canyon Campground would provide housing for supervisory staff and alleviate overcrowding in the dormitories.

West Entrance: Yellowstone General Stores operates all the general stores within the park. Most of the locations are within the interior of the park, which is closed to vehicles during the winter season. The ability for staff to get into the park in spring in order to prepare for opening is completely dependent on snowfall. Rental opportunities outside the park in the community of West Yellowstone are very limited and expensive. This project would provide temporary accommodations for employees prior to the opening of interior housing locations.

Comments may be submitted online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/concessionshousing>

Project Location and Schedule

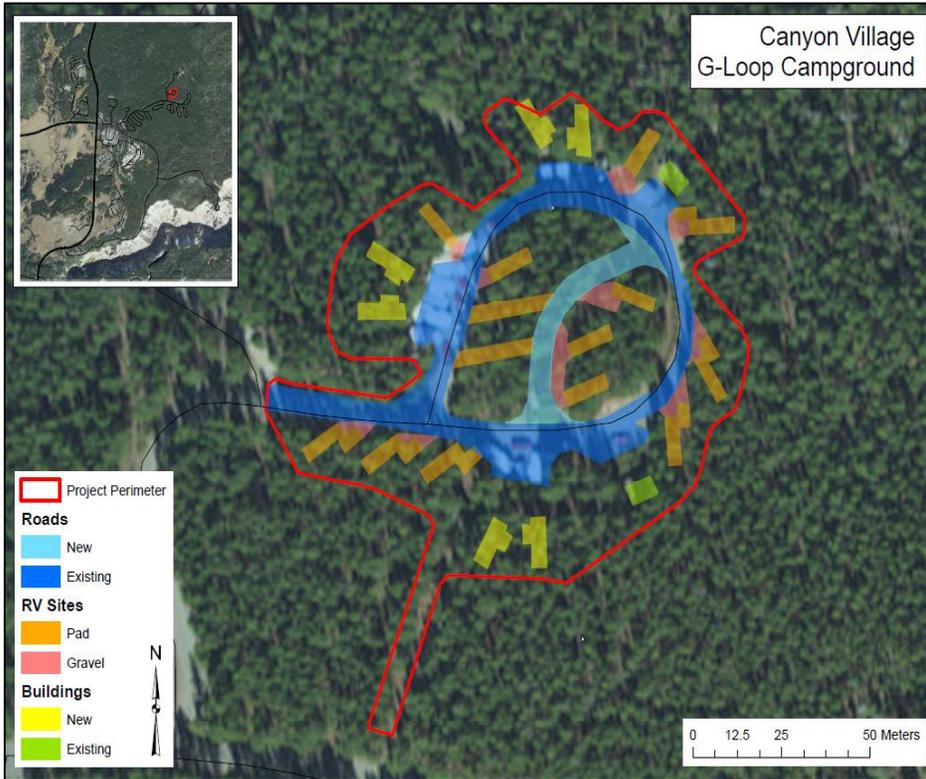


Figure 2-Canyon Campground Proposed Project Site

Canyon Campground is located to the north of the main Canyon Village complex. The location for the employee housing development within the Canyon Campground would be in "Loop G", a decommissioned group camping loop set to the north of the guest camper loops. The West Entrance location is to the south of the entrance gate, within the Government Area that includes the General Store Warehouse (Figure 3).

The EA for this project is scheduled to be completed by spring 2019. Once complete, the EA will be placed on the NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website for public review and comment. A decision on the project would occur after this review period, likely early summer of 2019.

Comments for this scoping phase of the project, and during the comment phase for the EA can both be submitted at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/concessionshousing>

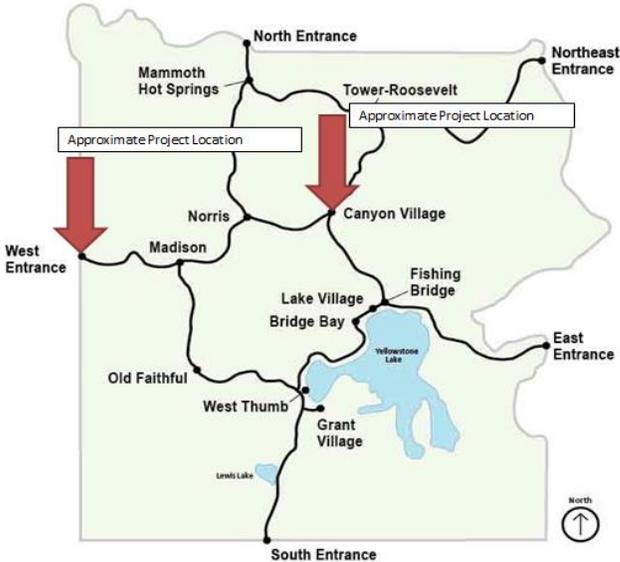


Figure 3-Proposed Project Locations



Figure 4- Existing Conditions at Canyon Campground Loop G

----- How to Comment -----

The National Park Service invites you to voice your ideas and concerns about this project. Comments may be submitted on-line at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/concessionshousing>, hand-delivered during normal business hours to the Mailroom in the park's Administration Building in Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming, or mailed to: Compliance Office Attn: Concessions Housing EA, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190. Comments will not be accepted by fax, e-mail, or in any other way than those specified above. Comments must be received by midnight MST, of the date listed on the webpage listed above.