

Introductory Letter to Potential Participants

Dear [Participant Name]:

Your name was suggested by the Yosemite Fire Management Program as someone who could provide valuable insights about fire and smoke issues in and around Yosemite National Park. I am working with the National Park Service to conduct interviews that will help the park better understand people's views on the Fire Management Program.

I'm contacting you to obtain your perspective on these issues. I've found through previous experience with programs affecting many different groups of people that the best way to guarantee that everyone's opinions are considered is to provide people such as yourself with the opportunity to discuss specific questions about the program. For your information, the kinds of questions that I will ask in the interview are attached.

I hope you would be willing to participate at a time and place convenient to you. **The interview will require approximately 45 minutes of your time.**

Once your interview is completed, I will enter my notes from your responses onto my computer and return the information to you (via email attachment) for your review and editing. This ensures that I have accurately recorded your answers. Your interview responses will be kept anonymous; your name will never be associated with any response. If you prefer, your responses during the interview will not be audio-recorded. When I return your responses to you for review and clarification, you will be able to let me know (via expressed written approval) whether or not you would like to have portions of your answers included in the compilation of responses attached to my summary report.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email (fiske@wsu.edu) or telephone (509.335.6755).

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

[PI contact information]