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Kings River Planning Unit			
<p>Friends of the River recommends that the Keller parcel be transferred to the Forest Service to enhance management of adjacent public lands along the segment of the Kings River eligible for National Wild & Scenic River protection.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified conservation easement and fee simple donees will be determined during the disposition process (Volume III). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>
<p>The Kings River Keller Ranch parcel is just downstream of the congressionally designated Kings River Special Management Area which was established in 1987 to protect the area's natural, archaeological, and scenic resources, and to provide for appropriate fish and wildlife management of those areas. In addition, Congress reserved unto itself the authority to approve a dam on this segment of the Kings River. The 1990 plan for the Special Management Area identified a 12 mile segment of the Kings River from elevation 1595 feet to the high water mark of Pine Flat Reservoir to be eligible for Wild and Scenic River protection in recognition of the river's outstanding wildlife, fishery, geological, recreation, scenic, cultural/historic, and scientific/educational values. This eligible segment includes the Keller parcel.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Comment noted. Text has been added to the Existing Conditions section regarding the Kings River Special Management Area and Wild and Scenic River eligibility.</p>

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<p>We have reviewed the draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP) and are offering comments concerning the Kings River Planning Unit. While the subject parcel is located outside of the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) boundary, it is within the Kings River watershed. Therefore, we are concerned with land use activities in the watershed that may impact water quality and/or water supply potential. In addition to the above, we believe that whoever has ultimate ownership and/or management of this parcel should use a balanced approach for future land use. The land use planning process should consider issues, such as, water quality, recreation, habitat, and public need. The parcel should be managed in the interest of all watershed users and future use of the land should not be unnecessarily restricted.</p>	<p>Kings River Conservation District</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has developed potential measures to preserve and enhance the Beneficial Public Values (BPVs) at Kings River. Should these potential measures be implemented, they are not expected to negatively affect water quality, water supply or other resources. Water resources protection was considered in the development of potential measures. The LCP planning process has taken into consideration the resources you list as well as other resources such as agricultural uses, sustainable forestry and cultural resources. Management and conservation easements will be developed to be in the interest of all users and allow for flexibility in management and changes in future use over time. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified conservation easement and fee simple donees will be determined during the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>