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Free Shuttle Service Resumes at Sequoia National Park for Summer 2012

Three Rivers, CA – Leave the driving to someone else, and enjoy your vacation! A popular free shuttle, in its sixth season, will operate from May 24 through September 9 in Sequoia National Park. This year’s shuttle system, now “greener” than ever with new state-of-the-art buses, will deliver visitors to popular highlights, including the General Sherman Tree (the world’s largest living thing by volume), Moro Rock, Crescent Meadow, Wuksachi Lodge, and Lodgepole and Dorst Creek campgrounds.

Several new features of the shuttle system this year include:

- Six new diesel-electric hybrid buses, which are quieter than regular diesel buses, will use 25% less fuel with 90% less emissions. This will reduce the carbon footprint of the shuttle service.
- New buses will have a sleek design that includes sunroofs, a low floor for easier general access/entry, and wheelchair accessibility.
- This year’s shuttle service will feature a new route between the General Sherman Tree and the Wolverton parking area that may be of special interest to hikers.

In addition to the free in-park routes, people who are planning on visiting Sequoia National Park may be interested in a fee-based shuttle service to the park. Several pick-up points in Visalia, Exeter, and Three Rivers, CA, make it easy to use the service. Upon arrival at the Giant Forest Museum, visitors can transfer to free in-park routes to access many of the popular destinations and trailheads.

For more information about the free shuttle service inside the park, visit www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/parktransit.htm.

For more information about the fee-based shuttle service from outside the park, visit www.sequoiashuttle.com or call 877-287-4453.

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(Background: In 2011, the shuttle transported more than 387,000 visitors to various places in Sequoia National Park.)

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