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## California State Parks Symposium on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of State Parks and Public Land Preservation

- WHO:** Moderator, Jeff Pappas, Ph.D,  
Panelist, Jen Huntley, Ph.D,  
Panelist, Glenna Matthews, Ph.D  
Panelist, James Newland, M.A.
- WHAT:** *A Re-examination of the Groundbreaking Yosemite Grant Act of 150 Years Ago:* Scholars will review the key people and events that brought about public land management.
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Symposium attendance is free with museum admission.  
Museum admission: Adults \$10; Youth \$5 (ages 6 to 17)
- WHERE:** California State Railroad Museum Theater  
125 I St.  
Sacramento, Ca 95814
- WHY:** The venerable California State and National Park Systems began with Congress' granting of the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove to California. On June 28, 1864, in the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation granting these properties to the state of California to be "*held for public use, resort, and recreation...inalienable for all time.*" These public institutions have been described as perhaps "America's, and California's, Best Idea" ever.

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** A question and answer period will follow the discussion.

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