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Comments: I have a concern about the potential impacts of restoration efforts at Hell Gate Campground on a plant species that is currently being considered for rare plant status by the California Native Plant Society. The plant is Silene hookeri.

One of the largest known populations of the plant is located in the immediate vicinity of the bathroom near the camp entrance. On a recent visit I noticed that population is thriving after the August Fire, but also that there are at least two large dead trees in the area ... trees that will have to be removed for safety reasons.

I'm writing to urge you to map the population and adopt restoration methods that minimize the impact of tree removal and ground surface remodeling on the plants. Thanks for considering.