

## **Patrician Peaks Loom from the Tunnel**

The view from the Glacier Point Tunnel into Yosemite Valley showcases the granite peaks that shoulder the meadows once teeming with grizzlies, now studded with trees dying of bark beetle.

John Daly's overview captured the dramatic impact of drought and the resulting impact of the tiny, opportunistic bark beetle.

While relishing every moment in Yosemite, my interactions with its Mono and Paiute people have deepened my respect for the regenerative power of nature to recover from that which human activity inadvertently alters, as well as an urgency to work with others to change the pace of climate change and environmental degradation. The Yosemite bands offered a model of stewardship over the land and watershed over many centuries.