



National Park Service
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Mojave NPres
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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: **Rehabilitation of the Kelso Schoolhouse**
Project Number: **10-MOJA-014/PEPC 30179**

Project Description:

Mojave National Preserve has secured funding in FY10 to rehabilitate the Kelso Schoolhouse for use in interpretation of the Kelso Depot area. An asbestos and lead paint survey will be performed prior to commencing work. This project involves replacing broken windows; water damaged oak parquet floor, repairing or replacing plaster ceiling and walls, and damaged exterior stucco. The interior will be cleaned and sanitized. Doors, door frames and window frames will be repaired. Door hardware repaired or replaced. Both the interior and exterior surfaces painted. Roof structure will be repaired and/or replaced. Restrooms fixtures will be repaired or replaced. All work will follow Section 106 compliance for historic preservation. All the existing materials that are salvageable will be repaired and reused; otherwise replacement will be done in-kind. Work will be performed by park staff trained in historic preservation techniques.

Project Location:

Location

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Kelso Depot area	Section:	north side of Kelso-Cima Road
Geo. Marker:		Other:	

Mitigation(s):

- **PROJECT LEADER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MITIGATION MEASURE: Rehabilitation crew must document all removal actions with respect to replacing damage with in-kind materials. Documentation is to be carried out with the use of a digital camera and descriptive captions for each photograph.**

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

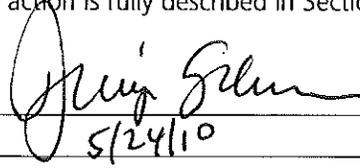
C.4 Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities and grounds under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or Cyclic Maintenance Guide; or if the action would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed action. Reviewers are supportive of the project. The Kelso schoolhouse and schoolyard are contained within chainlink fence that excludes terrestrial wildlife such as desert tortoise; as such, the proposed action will not adversely impact desert tortoise or desert tortoise critical habitat. All rehabilitation and restoration work must be carried out towards the goal of restoring the Kelso Schoolhouse to the 1940's era. For this reason, the mitigation listed above is extremely important in the process of determining appropriate restoration measures. The project leader, Allan Hurd, must ensure that each step in the rehabilitation process is photo-documented and described in detail with captions. All documentation must be provided to David Nichols, park NHPA Specialist, and/or Linda Slater, park Chief of Interpretation. Impairment is not expected to occur if the rehabilitation efforts are accurately and thoroughly documented. Rehabilitation of the Kelso Schoolhouse may go forward, pending approval by the Superintendent.

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Park Superintendent/

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Date:

5/24/10

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