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Memorandum

To: Annette Catamec, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2012-028 Ahwahnee Bar Dutch Door Installation (42305)

The Executive Leadership Team has reviewed the proposed project and completed its environmental assessment documentation, and we have determined that there:

- Will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- Will not be any effect on historical, cultural, or archeological resources.
- Will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved and construction and/or project implementation can commence.

For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- Consider energy efficiency when selecting glazing.
- Coordinate design of horizontals with screen and other doors. Hardware should be push (not lever or handle) for operational use and universal accessibility.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 42305.

//Tom Medema//Acting
Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Yosemite National Park
Date: 06/28/2012

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2012-028 Ahwahnee Bar Dutch Door Installation
PEPC Project Number: 42305
Project Description:

This project proposes to retrofit one set of non-historic doors at The Ahwahnee Bar by replacing the hinges to be self-closing and double swing, removing the door stay within the frame, and adding wood molding to the bottom portion on each side of the doors. Please refer to photos for conceptual design of proposed retrofit.

For health and safety reasons, retrofitting the existing doors will provide an effective means for protecting against the entry of insects, dust, rodents etc. as the doors will be self-closing and tight fitting. The doors will swing both ways, allowing staff and guests to efficiently pass through between the patio and the bar interior. Insects and wildlife such as squirrels will not be able to enter the bar. Adding a wood molding to the lower half of the existing doors will protect the glazing from servers pushing the doors open and will match the adjacent screen panels in design. The entire door system can be secured during non-service hours.

The project will be fully reversible, and door modification is compatible with the historic character of the NHL. The Ahwahnee Historic Structures Report recommends that, "The exterior frames and doors at the south wall may be retained or modified as necessary." DNC believes that door modification is necessary to allow for efficient service, maintain sanitation, and protect wildlife.

Project Locations:
Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:
- Consider energy efficiency when selecting glazing.
- Coordinate design of horizontals with screen and other doors. Hardware should be push (not lever or handle) for operational use and universal accessibility.

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.

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 (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

*//Tom Medema//Acting*_____ *//8/9/12//*_____

Don L. Neubacher Date

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Yosemite National Park
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: 06/28/2012

Updated May 2007 - per 2004 Departmental Manual revisions and proposed Director's Order 12 changes

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park
Project Title: 2012-028 Ahwahnee Bar Dutch Door Installation
PEPC Project Number: 42305
Project Type: Facility Maintenance (FM)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California **District:** Yosemite Valley
Project Leader: Annette Catamec

Is project a hot topic (controversial or sensitive issues that should be brought to attention of Regional Director)?

B. RESOURCE EFFECTS TO CONSIDER:

Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	No Effect	Negligible Effects	Minor Effects	Exceeds Minor Effects	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Geologic resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.	No				
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality	No				
4. Soundscapes	No				
5. Water quality or quantity	No				

Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	**No Effect**	**Negligible Effects**	**Minor Effects**	**Exceeds Minor Effects**	**Data Needed to Determine/Notes**
6. Streamflow characteristics	No				
7. Marine or estuarine resources	No				
8. Floodplains or wetlands	No				
9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	No				
10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine	No				
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat	No				
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites	No				Yosemite National Park is a World Heritage Site.
13. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat	No				
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat	No				
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)	No				

Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	**No Effect**	**Negligible Effects**	**Minor Effects**	**Exceeds Minor Effects**	**Data Needed to Determine/Notes**
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	No				
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				
18. Archeological resources	No				
19. Prehistoric/historic structure		Negligible			The Ahwahnee Hotel is a National Historic Landmark. The doors that will be replaced are not historic.
20. Cultural landscapes	No				
21. Ethnographic resources	No				
22. Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)	No				
23. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	No				
24. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	No				
25. Energy	No				

Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	No Effect	Negligible Effects	Minor Effects	Exceeds Minor Effects	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
resources					
26. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	No				
27. Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability	No				
28. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.	No				
29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	No				
30. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	No				

C. MANDATORY CRITERIA

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		No		
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive		No		

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?				
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?		No		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		No		
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		No		
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		No		
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?		No		
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		No		
I. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		No		
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations		No		

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
(Executive Order 12898)?				
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		No		
L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		No		

D. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Are personnel preparing this form familiar with the site? Yes

1.A. Did personnel conduct a site visit? No

2. Is the project in an approved plan such as a General Management Plan or an Implementation Plan with an accompanying NEPA document? No
3. Are there any interested or affected agencies or parties? No
4. Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? No
5. Are there any connected, cumulative, or similar actions as part of the proposed action? *(e.g., other development projects in area or identified in GMP, adequate/available utilities to accomplish project)* No

E. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES

Interdisciplinary Team	**Field of Expertise**
Don L. Neubacher	Superintendent
Woody Smeck	Deputy Superintendent
Michael Gauthier	Chief of Staff
Kathleen Morse	Chief of Planning
Randy Fong	Chief of Project Management
Teri Austin	Chief of Administration Management
Ed Walls	Chief of Facilities Management
Linda C. Mazzu	Chief of Resources Management & Science
Tara Riggs	Acting Chief of Business and Revenue Management
Tom Medema	Chief of Interpretation and Education
Charles Cuvelier	Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection
Annette Catamec	Project Leader
Ann Roberts	Acting Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager
Renea Kennec	NEPA Specialist

Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance file and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for this stage of the subject project is complete.

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
//Renea Kennec// Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	*//7/26/12//*
//Ann Roberts// Acting Compliance Program Manager – Ann Roberts	*//8/1/12//*
//Michael Wichmann//Acting Chief, Project Management – Randy Fong	*//8/6/12//*

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
//Tom Medema//Acting Don L. Neubacher	*//8/9/12//*

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PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: June 28, 2012

PROJECT INFORMATION

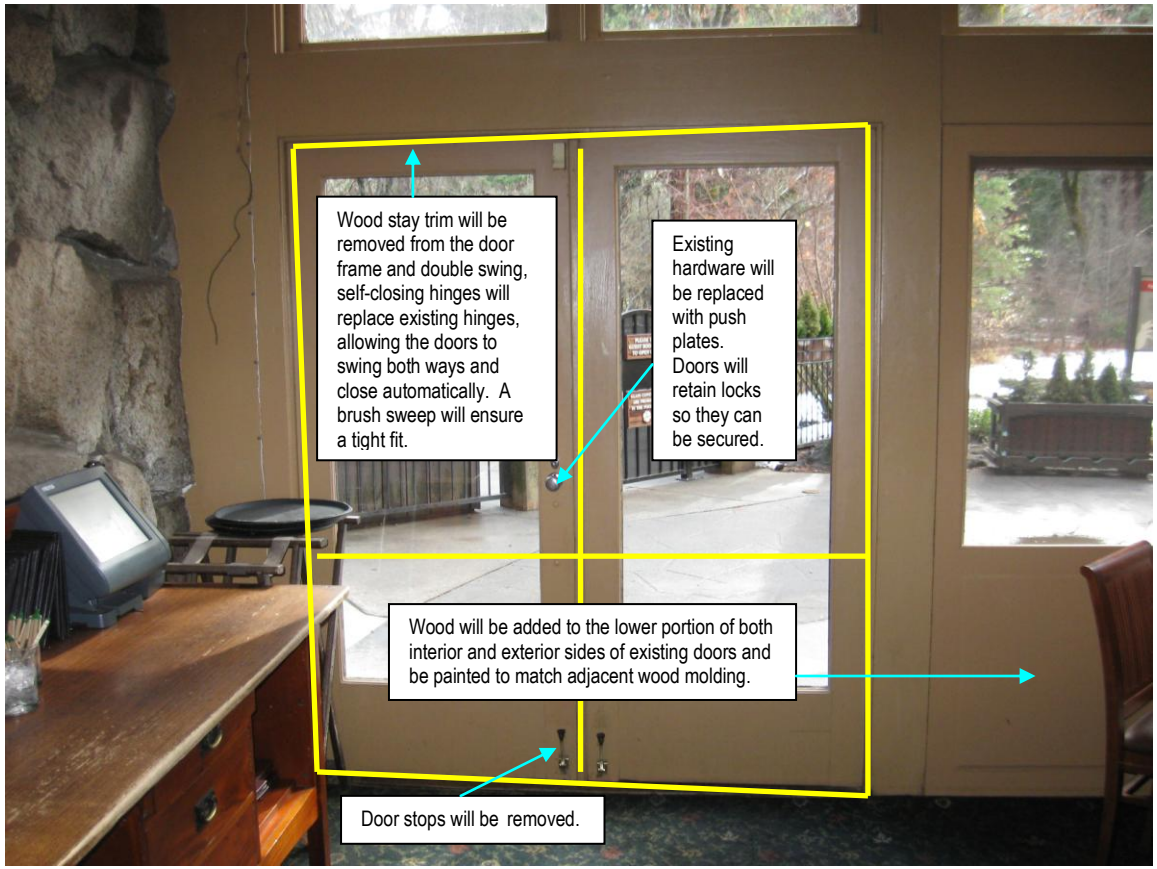
Park Name: Yosemite National Park
Project Title: 2012-028 Ahwahnee Bar Dutch Door Installation
PEPC Project Number: 42305

Project Type: Facility Maintenance (FM)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California **District:** Yosemite Valley
Project Leader: Annette Catamec

PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST				
Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		No		
Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		No		
Park rare plants or vegetation?		No		
Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		No		
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST				
Entail ground disturbance?		No		
Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?		No		
Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?	Yes			The project is reversible. The Ahwahnee Historic Structures Report recommends that, "the exterior frames and doors at the south wall may be

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
				retained or modified as necessary."
Has a National Register form been completed?	Yes			
Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?	Yes			List of Classified Structures #055943.
WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST				
Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? (Name the river corridor)	Yes			Merced River
Fall within the bed and banks AND will affect the free-flow of the river?		No		
Have the possibility of affecting water quality of the area?		No		
Remain consistent with its river segment classification?	Yes			
Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		No		
Will the project encroach or intrude upon the Wild and Scenic River corridor?		No		
Will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?		N		
Consistent with the provisions in the Merced River Plan Settlement Agreement?	Yes			
WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST				
Within designated Wilderness?		No		
Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		No		


Wood stay trim will be removed from the door frame and double swing, self-closing hinges will replace existing hinges, allowing the doors to swing both ways and close automatically. A brush sweep will ensure a tight fit.
Existing hardware will be replaced with push plates. Doors will retain locks so they can be secured.
Wood will be added to the lower portion of both interior and exterior sides of existing doors and be painted to match adjacent wood molding.
Door stops will be removed.

ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Park: Yosemite National Park

2. Project Description:

Project Name: 2012-028 Ahwahnee Bar Dutch Door Installation
Prepared by: Renea Kennec
Date Prepared: 06/28/2012
Telephone: 209-379-1038
PEPC Project Number: 42305

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

3. Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify cultural resources?

___ No
X Yes
Source or reference: Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark
X Check here if no known cultural resources will be affected. (If this is because area has been disturbed, please explain or attach additional information to show the disturbance was so extensive as to preclude intact cultural deposits.)

4. Potentially Affected Resources:

Historical Structures/Resources Affected:

Name and numbers: Ahwahnee Hotel National Historical Landmark
NR status: 7 - A designated National Historic Landmark

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

Yes Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
No Replace historic features/elements in kind
Yes Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)

No	Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape
No	Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible
No	Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible
No	Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources
No	Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
No	Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)
	Other (please specify):

6. Supporting Study Data:
(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

[X] Archeologist
Name: Laura Kirn
Date: 07/24/2012

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [X]
Assessment of Effect: _X_ No Historic Properties Affected __ No Adverse Effect __ Adverse Effect __ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]

[X] Historical Architect
Name: Shawn Lingo
Date: 07/23/2012
Comments: This is a temporary solution, since redesign of the south wall is part of the CRP Phase C project currently underway.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]
Assessment of Effect: __ No Historic Properties Affected _X_ No Adverse Effect __ Adverse Effect __ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historical Landscape Architect
Name: David Humphrey
Date: 06/21/2012

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]
Assessment of Effect: __ No Historic Properties Affected _X_ No Adverse Effect __ Adverse Effect __ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Ensure that the RMS-HAL Branch Historical Architect continues to be consulted with on the door design and that he/she will continue to be consulted through construction.

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

No Reviews From: Curator, Archeologist, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist

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C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

____	**No Historic Properties Affected**	_X_	**No Adverse Effect**	____	**Adverse Effect**

2. Documentation Method:

[ ] A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION
Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

[ ] B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

[ ] C. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.
Specify plan/EA/EIS:

[**X**] D. UNDERTAKING RELATED TO ANOTHER AGREEMENT
The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations.
Specify: 1999 Programmatic Agreement

[ ] E. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document
Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

[ ] F. No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]

[ ] G. Memo to SHPO/THPO

[ ] H. Memo to ACHP

3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions:

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties: (Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

- Consider energy efficiency when selecting glazing.
- Coordinate design of horizontals with screen and other doors. Hardware should be push (not lever or handle) for operational use and universal accessibility.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Acting Historic Preservation Officer

//Kimball E. Koch// **Date:** *//7/26/12//*
Kimball Koch

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Superintendent: *//Tom Medema//Acting* **Date:** *//8/9/12//*
Don L. Neubacher

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