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United States Department of the Interior NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park
P. O. Box 577
Yosemite, California 95389

Memorandum

To: William Bryan, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2013-015 Curry Village Boystown Centralized Propane Tanks (46836)

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

- There will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- There will be no historical properties affected.
- There will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

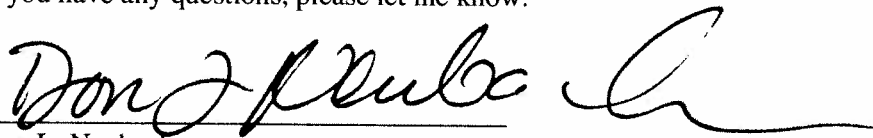
The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved and construction and/or project implementation can commence.

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

- Ensure that the fencing around new propane storage is compatible with existing rustic wood fencing in Curry Village and current design guidelines.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 46836.

If you have any questions, please let me know.


Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

Letter of Compliance Completion - Curry Village Boystown Centralized Propane Tanks - PEPC ID: 46836



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2013-015 Curry Village Boystown Centralized Propane Tanks

PEPC Project Number: 46836

Project Description:

This project will remove an existing propane farm centrally located among the lodging units of Boystown and increase the propane capacity of an existing propane farm on the outskirts of Boystown closer to the Curry Village parking area.

Initially, Delaware North Company (DNC) will remove four 250 gallon propane tanks, one vaporizer, and the existing fencing surrounding this equipment. The existing tanks, vaporizer, associated bollards, and fencing are located in the central camp area near the former basketball court. The vaporizer fencing is approximately 7.5' x 6.5'. The propane tank fencing is approximately 11' x 37'. All tanks are above ground on pier blocks and will not require ground disturbance for removal. The vaporizer equipment will be removed and the existing propane system will be capped six inches below surface and abandoned in place. Existing chain link fencing and bollards will be removed requiring minimal ground disturbance as each fence post was buried in concrete at an approximate depth of fourteen inches.

To retain the necessary amount of propane to service the heated tent units, DNC will add one 1,000 gallon propane tank to a secondary Boystown propane tank system located near the apple orchard parking. This propane service area currently has two 1,000 gallon tanks surrounded by a fence. DNC would disassemble the fence, add one 1,000 gallon tank on pier block foundations, and reinstall the fence. Ground disturbance anticipated for fence expansion is the installation of 6 fence posts to a depth of 14" in concrete. The fence will be 22' wide by 35' long. This area will become the centralized propane storage and distribution area for the Curry Village Boystown tents as it is easily accessible from the parking lot for servicing and refill year round.

Installation will be performed by a contractor specializing in propane services and the work described will meet current code for propane storage and distribution. Work will be performed during low occupancy to reduce impacts to visitor services.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA


Mitigation:

- Ensure that the fencing around new propane storage is compatible with existing rustic wood fencing in Curry Village and current design guidelines.

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.17 Construction of fencing enclosures or boundary fencing posing no effect on wildlife migrations.

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.

Superintendent:  Date: 6/28/13
Don L. Neubacher



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: 06/12/2013

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: 2013-015 Curry Village - Centralized Boystown Propane Tanks
PEPC Project Number: 46836
Project Type: Facility Maintenance (FM)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California Other: Curry Village - Boystown
Project Leader: William Bryan

Is project a hot topic (controversial or sensitive issues that should be brought to attention of Regional Director)? No

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.		Negligible			Six new fence posts will be installed at a depth of 14 inches. Old fencing posts will be removed.
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality	No				
4. Soundscapes	No				
5. Water quality or quantity	No				
6. Streamflow characteristics	No				
7. Marine or	No				

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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
estuarine resources					
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				
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	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
etc.					
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				Visitor experience will be enhanced by the consolidation of propane tanks.
18. Archeological resources		Negligible			Yosemite Valley Archeological District
19. Prehistoric/historic structure	No				
20. Cultural landscapes		Negligible			Yosemite Valley Historic District; new fence will be compatible with existing fencing in Curry Village.
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 resources	No				
26. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	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
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 Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		No		

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
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 (Executive Order 12898)?		No		
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious		No		

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Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?				
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

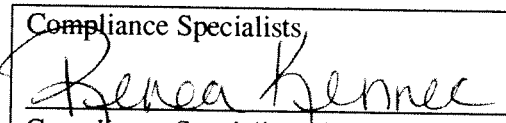
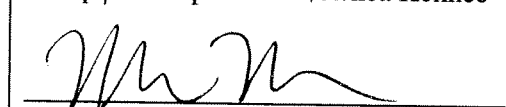
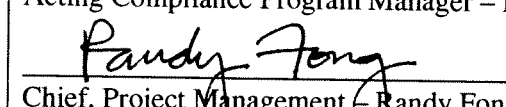
E. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES

<u>Interdisciplinary Team</u>	<u>Field of Expertise</u>
Don L. Neubacher	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
Kris Kirby	Chief of Business and Revenue Management
Tom Medema	Chief of Interpretation and Education
Kevin Killian	Acting Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection
William Bryan	Project Leader
Madelyn Ruffner	Acting Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager
Renea Kennec	NEPA Specialist

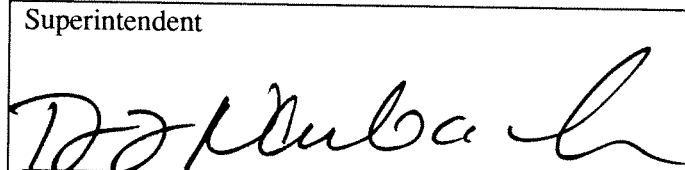
F. SUPERVISORY SIGNATORY

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,  Compliance Specialist - Renea Kennec	Date <u>6/12/13</u>
 Acting Compliance Program Manager - Madelyn Ruffner	<u>6/24/13</u>
 Chief, Project Management - Randy Fong	<u>6/26/13</u>

Approved:

Superintendent  Don L. Neubacher	Date <u>6/28/13</u>
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PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: June 12, 2013

PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park
Project Title: 2013-015 Curry Village Boystown Centralized Propane Tanks
PEPC Project Number: 46836
Project Type: Facility Maintenance (FM)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California **Other:** Curry Village - Boystown
Project Leader: William Bryan

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?	Yes			Six new fence posts will be installed at a depth of 14 inches. Old fencing posts will be removed.
Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?	Yes			Yosemite Valley Archeological District; this project will not affect any archeological resources.
Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?		No		

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
Has a National Register form been completed?	Yes			Yosemite Valley Historic District
Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?		No		
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?		No		
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		

- Do not exist in SMS.





Boystown Propane Tank - Proposed Location



Boystown Propane Tank – Existing Location



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: 2013-015 Curry Village - Centralized Boystown Propane Tanks

Prepared by: Renea Kennec

Date Prepared: 06/12/2013

Telephone: 209-379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 46836

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

Yosemite Valley Historic District; Yosemite Valley Archeological District

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?**

☐ No

☒ Yes

Source or reference:

4. **Potentially Affected Resources:**

Cultural Landscapes Affected:

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Historic District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Cultural Landscapes Notes: Fencing around new propane storage shall be compatible with existing rustic wood fencing in Curry Village and current design guidelines.

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

☐ Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

☐ Replace historic features/elements in kind

☐ Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

☐ Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment

☐ (inc. terrain)

☐ 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
☒ Yes Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources
 Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting,
☐ No landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
 Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or
☐ No 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: Sonny Montague
 Date: 06/11/2013

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐ []
 Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☒ [X] No Historic Properties
 Affected ☐ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review
 Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
 Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

☒ [X] Anthropologist
 Name: Jennifer Hardin
 Date: 06/11/2013

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐ []
 Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☒ [X] No Historic Properties
 Affected ☐ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review
 Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
 Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

☒ [X] Historical Landscape Architect
 Name: Kevin McCardle
 Date: 04/16/2013

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐ []
 Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties
 Affected ☒ [X] No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Assessment of Effect Form - Curry Village Boystown Centralized Propane Tanks - PEPC ID: 46836

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Fencing around new propane storage shall be compatible with existing rustic wood fencing in Curry Village and current design guidelines.

Doc Method: Stipulations/Conditions

No Reviews From: Curator, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

- ☐ No Potential to Cause Effects
- ☐ No Historic Properties Affected
- ☒ 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:

☒ 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

☐ 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.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

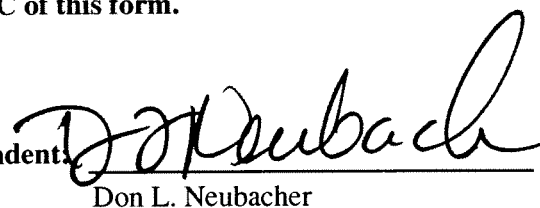
D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Acting Historic Preservation Officer:

Kimball Koch  Date: 6/13/13

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  Date: 6/20/13
Don L. Neubacher