#### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

<u>Title</u>: Curry Village, Correct Gift/Mountain Shop Exterior ADA Access

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-016 PEPC Project Number: 14207

<u>Location</u>: Mariposa County, California; Yosemite Valley NPS Project Proponent: Project Management, Maurice West

Partner Project Proponent: DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Earl Zack

#### **B. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION**

Attachments

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This project is an action that has been determined to result in no measurable environmental effects. It is therefore categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act analysis under Categorical Exclusion: DO12 3.4 C(8) - Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance-for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles.

Necessary compliance coordination has been completed regarding the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as applicable. Environmental impacts will be minor or less when the project is implemented with the conditions stipulated under **Project Mitigations and Conditions** in **Section I** at the end of the attached *Environmental Screening Form*.

Additional supporting information for this determination and the stipulated conditions can be found in the following attachments (when checked):

$\triangleright$	Cultural Resource Effects Ass	essment Form (XXX)
	] Wilderness Minimum Require	ment Analysis
	Wild and Scenic River Section	7 Determination
	] Park Management Terms and	Conditions
	Other:	
C. DECI	SION	
am far except	miliar, I am categorically exclu	pact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I ding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No ons in DO12 3.5 or 3.6 apply and the action is fully described in
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To: Maurice West, NPS Project Manager

Earl Zack, DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-016 Curry Village, Correct Gift/Mountain Shop Exterior ADA

Access

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Necessary compliance coordination has been completed regarding the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as applicable. This project clearance is valid providing that you adhere to the conditions stipulated in the enclosed *Categorical Exclusion Form* and associated documents when implementing this project.

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Enclosure (with attachments)	
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#### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP Project Number: 14207

**Project Type:** Facility Rehabilitation (FR)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California

District, Section: Yosemite Valley, Curry Village

NPS Project Manager: Project Management, Maurice West

Partner Project Manager: Earl Zack, DNC

Project Title: Curry Village, Correct Gift/Mountain Shop Exterior ADA Access

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to correct an ADA deficiency in a DNC operation in Yosemite National Park. This project will provide a compliant path of travel for the disabled into and from the Curry Village Gift Shop. This project will remove the built-up deck ramp, turn the existing ramp direction 90 degrees and reinstall a compliant ramp. Additionally, the path of travel to the Mountain Shop will be removed and rebuilt to make it a level surface without abrupt rises.

**Table B1 – Background Information** 

		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Did NPS staff conduct a site visit? If yes, list attendees. If no, explain.				Larry Harris, Maurice West
2a.	Is the project providing compliance for an action associated with but not covered by an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.); OR				
2b.	Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.				
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?			$\boxtimes$	
2d.	Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?			$\boxtimes$	
3a.	Are there any interested or affected parties?		$\boxtimes$		
3b.	Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?				
4a.	Are there any affected agencies or tribes?		$\boxtimes$		
4b.	Has consultation been completed?				

Table B2 – Environmental Screening Form Attachments (provide Attachment letter—A, B, etc.)

		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Maps: 2 required (vicinity map & site map)	$\boxtimes$			Maps 1 and 2, Attachment A
2.	Drawings (e.g., design, construction)				
3.	Site Plans	$\boxtimes$			Existing and Proposed, Attachment B
4.	Photographs	$\boxtimes$			Area and Paths of Travel, Attachment C
5.	Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)				
6.	Other (Explain)				

## C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

	e any impacts possible on the following ources?	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Geologic resources: soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc		X		
2.	From geohazards		X		
3.	Air quality		X		
4.	Soundscapes	X			Negligible: temporary construction noise.
5.	Water quality or quantity		X		
6.	Stream flow characteristics		X		
7.	Marine or estuarine resources			X	
8.	Floodplains or wetlands		X		
9.	Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	X			Project will enhance building accessibility.
10.	Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine		X		
	Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat		X		
12.	Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites		X		
13.	Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat		X		
14.	Unique or important fish or fish habitat		X		
15.	Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)		X		
16.	Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	X			Project will enhance building accessibility.
17.	Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	X			Project will enhance building accessibility.
18.	Cultural resources including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources		X		Curry Village Historic District & Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape: assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
19.	Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X			
20.	Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	X			Project will enhance building accessibility.
21.	Energy resources		X		
22.	Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies		X		
	Resource, including energy, conservation potential		X		
	Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.		X		
25.	Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity		X		
26	Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?		X		

## D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

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	implemented, would the proposed action:  Have material adverse effects on public health or	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	safety?		X		
2.	Have adverse effects on such unique 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; floodplains; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks?		X		Curry Village Historic District and Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape: assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect"; see attached XXX.
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects?		X		
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X		
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X		
6.	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X		
7.	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		X		Curry Village Historic District and Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape: assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect"; see attached XXX.
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X		
9.	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		X		
10.	Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X		
11.	Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E)?		X		
12.	Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		X		
13.	Restrict access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?		X		
14.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?		X		
15.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of non-native invasive species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of non-native invasive species (EO 13112)?		X		
16.	Require a permit from a federal, state, or local agency to proceed, unless the agency from which the permit is required agrees that a CE is appropriate?		X		
17.	Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		X		
18.	Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?		X		
	Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?		X		
<b>C</b> o	omments, Mitigations and Conditions: None				

## E. SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST

Wi	thin the area of potential effect, are there:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.		П	$\boxtimes$	П	
2	endangered species (Federal or State)?				
2.	Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		$\boxtimes$		
3.	Park rare plants or vegetation?	П	$\bowtie$	П	
4.	Potential habitat for any special-status				
	species listed above?	Ш		Ш	
	'yes" to any of the above questions, a Special-S	Status	Speci	es Che	cklist must be completed and attached.
Co	mments, Mitigations and Conditions:				
1.	None				-
F.	NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVAT	ION .	ACT	CHE	CKLIST
Wi	thin the area of potential effect:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Will there be ground disturbance?				
2.	Are there any archeological sites?	$\boxtimes$			
3.	Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?		$\boxtimes$		
					Curry Village Historic District and Yosemite
4.	1 J				Valley Cultural Landscape: assessment of
	archeological or historic landscape or district?		Ш	Ш	effect is "No Adverse Effect"; see attached
					XXX.
	Is there a National Historic Landmark?	Ш		Ш	
56.	Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of Classified Structures</i> ?		$\boxtimes$		
5c.	Is there a historic property with a DOE and				
	concurrence by the SHPO or a completed		$\boxtimes$		
	National Register form?				
5d.	Is there a cultural property requiring review	П	$\boxtimes$	П	
	under NHPA, Section 106?				Cumus Villaga Historia District and Vasconita
6.	Would there be alteration of a structure or	_	_	_	Curry Village Historic District and Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape: assessment of
0.	cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?	$\boxtimes$			effect is "No Adverse Effect"; see attached
	F				XXX.
	'yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment	of Effe	ects fo	rm (Y	OSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.
	tigations and Conditions:				
1.	None				
G.	WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST				
Is t	the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Within designated Wilderness?		$\boxtimes$		
2.	Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?				
	yes" to either of the above, then a Wilderness Mi	ınimun	ı Requ	uiremer	nts Analysis must be completed and attached.
	tigations and Conditions: None				
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### H. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST

Do	es the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor?  If 'yes'', name the river(s)	$\boxtimes$			Merced River
2.	Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?		$\boxtimes$		
3.	Potentially affect water quality of the area?		$\boxtimes$		
4.	Remain consistent with its river segment classification?				Construction to make this building ADA compliant is consistent with this river segment's classification as "Recreational."
5.	Protect and enhance river ORVs?	$\boxtimes$			Making this building ADA compliant will protect and enhance the river's ORVs.
6a.	Fall within the River Protection Overlay?		$\boxtimes$		
6b.	If "yes", is it consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?			$\boxtimes$	
7.	Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?	$\boxtimes$			Construction to make this building ADA compliant is consistent with this areas management zoning of "3B-Visitor Base and Lodging."
8a.	Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		$\boxtimes$		
8b.	If 9a is "yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?				
8c.	If 9a is "yes", will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?			$\boxtimes$	
If "	yes" to questions 2, 9b, or 9c, then a WSRA Se	ection	7 dete	ermina	tion must be completed and attached.
Mi	tigations and Conditions:				
1.	None				

### I. NEPA Analysis and Approval Conditions

When implemented as detailed in the project description and following all Project Mitigations and Conditions listed below, this project meets the terms and conditions of a categorical exclusion to NEPA.

### **Applicable Categorical Exclusion:**

Notwithstanding that this project entails minor facility upgrades, these upgrades are required to meet federal accessibility standards and their effects would be essentially the same as DO12 C(8) - Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance-for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles.

### **Project Mitigations and Conditions:**

1. While ensuring code compliance, a beveled surface rather than a dropoff & railing on the dock surface is preferred. (Business Revenue and Management)

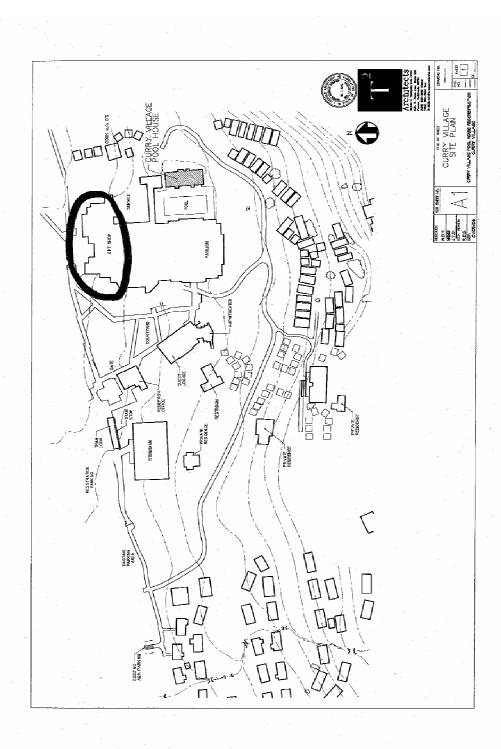
This project has been reviewed in accordance with the above criteria and it has been determined that the project will result in no or minimal environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, the necessary compliance coordination has been completed with regard to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

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Compliance Specialist	Date
//Mark A Butler//	1/23/06
Compliance Program Manager	Date
//Bill Delaney//	1/25/06
Chief, Project Management	Date

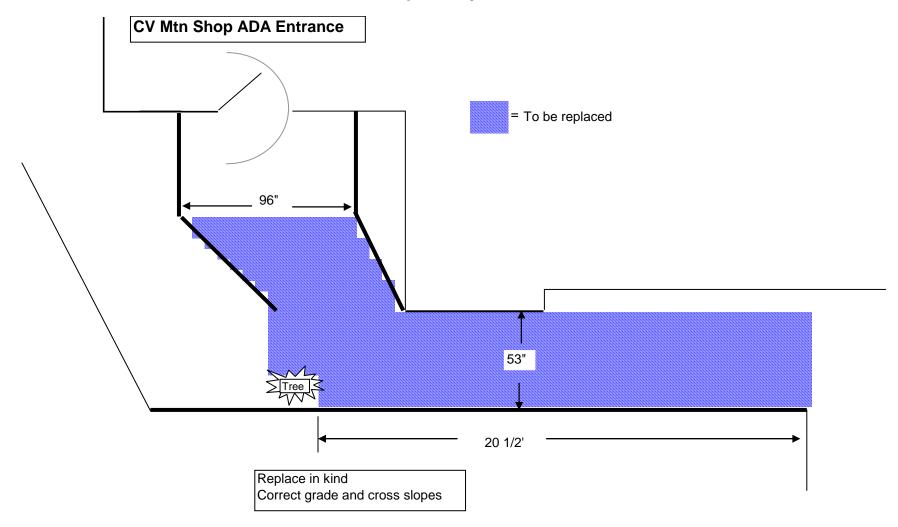
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## Attachment A

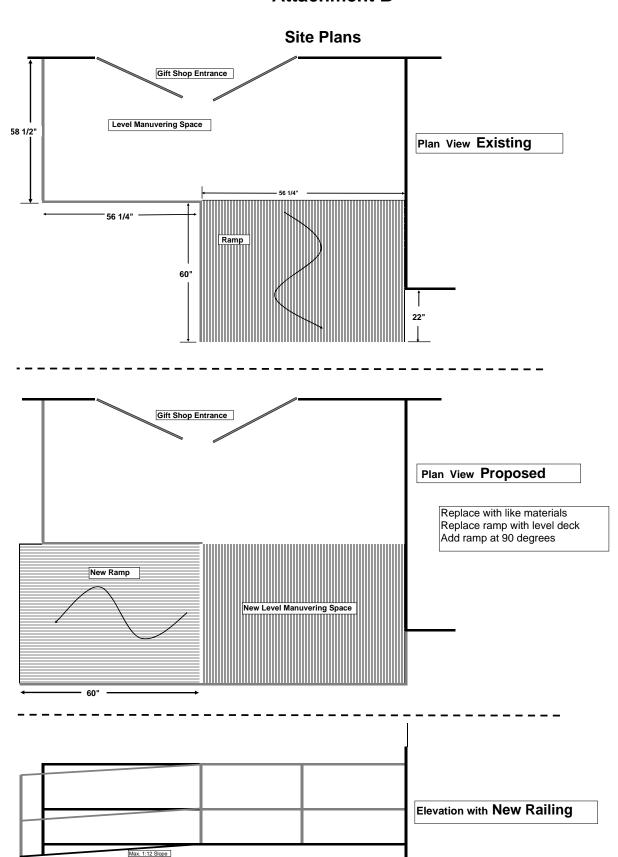
## Map 1 – Project Vicinity



Map 2 - Project Site

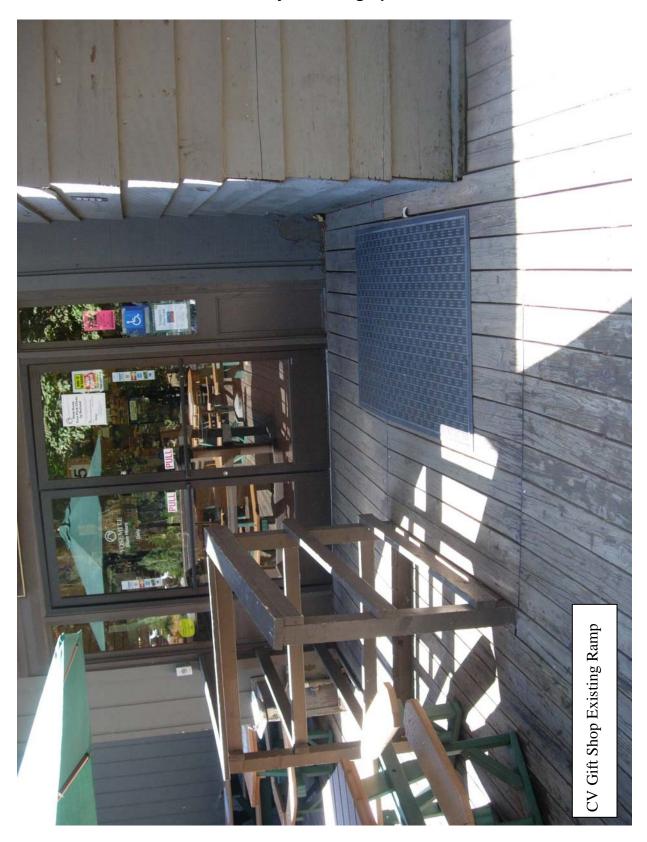


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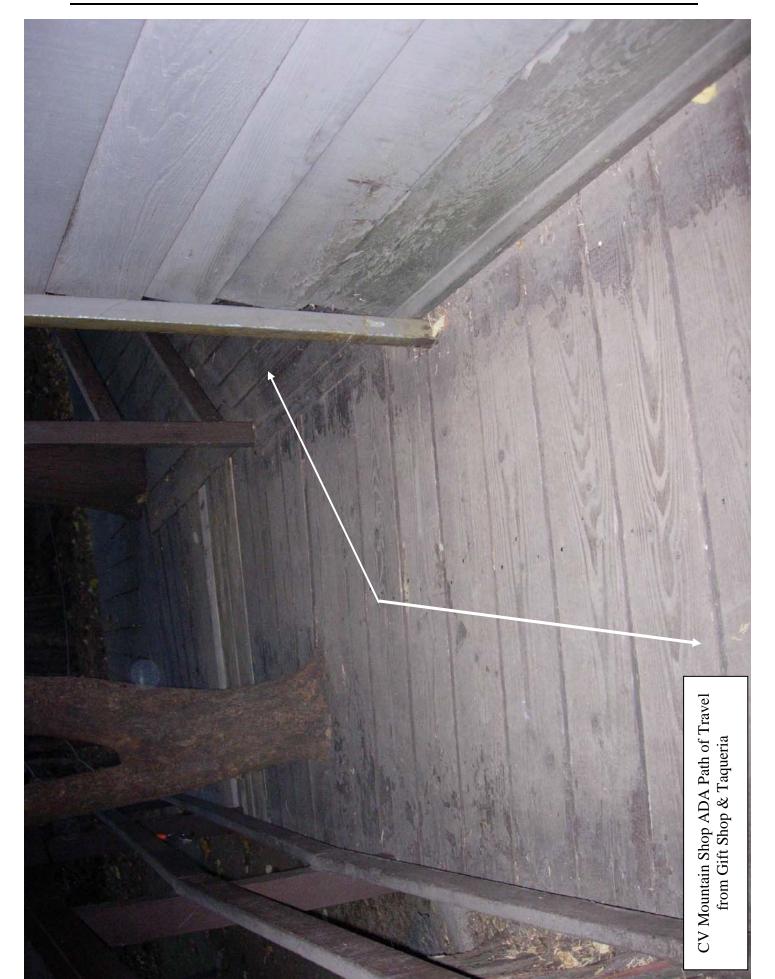
## **Attachment C**

## **Project Photographs**











### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

- 1. **Project Title & ID:** 2006-016 (CIF y4—4504) Curry Village, Correct Gift/Mountain Shop Exterior ADA Access (14207)
- 2. Project Proponent: Maurice West, NPS Project Manager; Earl Zack, DNC Project Manager
- **3. Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to correct an ADA deficiency in a DNC operation in Yosemite National Park. This project will provide a compliant path of travel for the disabled into and from the Curry Village Gift Shop. This project will remove the built-up deck ramp, turn the existing ramp direction 90 degrees and reinstall a compliant ramp.

Additionally, the path of travel to the Mountain Shop will be removed and rebuilt to make it a level surface with out abrupt rises.

4. **Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:** The project is located in Curry Village in Yosemite Valley. The area of potential effect includes the Curry Village Historic District and the Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape.

5. Attached Sensitive* Information	Yes	No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps	X		CR GIS Map
b. Drawings			
c. Site Plans			
d. Photographs			
e. Sample			
f. List of Materials			
g. Other (Explain)			

<sup>\*</sup> Sensitive documents not for duplication or distribution beyond park management, subject matter experts, and the project statutory compliance file.

### **B. DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS**

	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1. Has the Area of Potential Effect been surveyed to identify cultural resources? If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).	X			YOSE 1974A Yosemite Valley Archeological District Yosemite Valley Historic District Curry Village Historic District
a. Would the proposed action affect a known cultural resource?	X			Historic Cultural Landscape

2. List all Cultural Resources in the Area of		cted?	Explanation/Note
Potential Effect:	Yes	No	Explanation/Note
a. Historic Cultural Landscape	X		

3. List resources in the Area of Potential	Affec	eted?	
Effect to which American Indians attach	Yes	No	Explanation/Note
cultural and religious significance:	res	NO	
a.		X	

4. The proposed action will:	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Note
Destroy, remove, or alter features or		X		
elements from a historic structure				
<ul> <li>Replace historic features/elements in kind</li> </ul>		X		
<ul> <li>Add nonhistoric features/elements to a historic structure</li> </ul>		X		
<ul> <li>Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)</li> </ul>	X			Cultural landscape modification
<ul> <li>Add nonhistoric features/elements (including visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape</li> </ul>	X			Cultural landscape modification
Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain		X		
<ul> <li>Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain</li> </ul>		X		
<ul> <li>Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources</li> </ul>		X		
<ul> <li>Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)</li> </ul>		X		
Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources		X		
• Other		X		

5. Describe any measures that are incorporated as part of this project that will be taken to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of prehistoric or historic fabric, setting, integrity, or data:

Checklist Preparer: Jeannette Simons Date: 1/23/06

**Title:** Historic Preservation Officer

### C. SPECIALIST SECTION

**Specialists**: Your comments here (or attached) show that you have reviewed this proposal for conformity with requirements of *National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106*; with the 1995 *Servicewide Programmatic Agreement* (if applicable); with applicable parts of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*; with the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*; and have given your best professional advice about this project and the issues relevant to the Section 106 process, including identification and evaluation of historic properties and further consultation needs.

Archeologist Comments:	Name: Laura Kirn	Date:1/11/06
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: <b>No effect.</b>	Yes: No: X	
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
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Signature of Archeologist://sign	ed original on file//	
Cultural Anthropologist Comments:	Name:	Date:
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
Signature of Cultural Anthropologi	st:	
Curator Comments:	Name:	Date:
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
Signature of Curator:		

Historian Comments:	Name: Charles Palmer	Date: 1/11/06
Assessment of Effect: <b>No adverse</b> of Recommendations for Conditions of		
Signature of Historian: //signed o	riginal on file//	
Historic Architect Comments:	Name: Sueann Brown	Date:1/11/06
Assessment of Effect: No adverse	effect.	
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
Signature of Historic Architect: //	signed original on file//	
Historic Landscape Architect Comments:	Name: Steven Torgerson	Date:1/11/06
Assessment of Effect: No adverse	effect.	
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
Signature of Historic Landscape Ar	chitect: //signed original on file//	

Preservation Specialist Comments:No objections per DNC I	Name: <b>Doug Martin</b> presentation.	Date:1/11/06				
Assessment of Effect: No effect.						
Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:						
Signature of Preservation Specialist:	//signed original on file//					
	Name:	Date:				
Comments:						
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Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:						
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Recommendations for Conditions or	Stipulations:					
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# D. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE DIVISION AND PARK 106 COORDINATOR REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**1. Review by specialists:** The appropriate subject-matter experts have reviewed the project and entered their comments and recommendations in Section C, above.

The foregoing assessment is adequate: the proposed action is consistent with all applicable NPS management policies, standards, guidelines, or US DOI standards and guidelines, Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, or others, and incorporates measures to avoid Adverse Effects.

	storic Buildings, or others, and incorporates measures to avoid Adverse Effects.
Re	eviewed and Accepted by:
Sig	gnature: //Niki Nicholas// Date: 1/11/06
	Chief of Resources Management & Science Division
2.	Assessment of Effects: No adverse effect.
3.	<b>Compliance Requirements:</b> The following is the park's assessment of Section 106 process needs and requirements for this undertaking.
	Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation
	Consultation under 36 CFR is needed subsequent to the preparation of this form and its review by appropriate cultural resource management advisors.
	Undertaking related to the 1995 NPS Programmatic Agreement
	The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV of the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement.
	Plan-Related Undertaking
	Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement and 36 CFR Part 800.
	Undertaking Related to Another Agreement
	The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under a document such as a statewide agreement written in accordance with 37 CFR Part 800.7 or counterpart regulations.
	Agreement:
	Flood-Recovery Related Undertaking
	The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under the letter-based agreement between the NPS, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Council for Historic Preservation for "Highwater 97" flood repair and recovery
	<b>The Example 2</b> Undertaking Related to the 1999 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement
	The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under the park's 1999 programmatic agreement for planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance; the undertaking meets the stipulations identified in Article VII.C.2.

### 4. Project Stipulations and Conditions

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

None.

Recommended	bv	<b>Park</b>	Section	106	<b>Coordinator:</b>
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Name: Jeannette Simons

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Signature: //signed original on file// Date: 1/11/06

### E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to NPS Management Policies and NPS-28 and I approve the recommendations, stipulations, and conditions noted in Section B of this form.

Signature of Superintendent: //R. Kevin Cann//

Date: 1/26/06

The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in Yosemite National Park.