A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Title: Curry Village Correct Nob Hill Showerhouse Ada Access

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-020

Location: Mariposa County, California; Yosemite Valley

NPS Project Proponent: Project Management, Maurice West

Partner Project Proponent: DNC Parks and Resorts at Yoemite, Earl Zack

B. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

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 an dfacilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance-for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles.*

PEPC Project Number: 14254

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):

Cultural Resource Effects Assessment Form (XXX)

Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis

Wild and Scenic River Section 7 Determination

Park Management Terms and Conditions

Other:

C. DECISION

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 DO12 3.5 or 3.6 apply and the action is fully described in DO12, Section 3.4.

//R. Kevin Cann//

for Michael J. Tollefson

1/26/06

Date

Original: Statutory Compliance File cc: Project Proponent

Attachments (2)



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 577 Yosemite, California 95389

IN REPLY REFER TO: L7617 (YOSE)

Memorandum

To: Maurice West, NPS Project Manager

Earl Zack, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite Project Manager

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-020 Curry Village, Correct Nob Hill Showerhouse ADA Access (PEPC 14254; CIF y4-4506)

Your proposed 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. 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.

//R. Kevin Cann//

for Michael J. Tollefson

1/26/06 Date

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

 Park Name: Yosemite NP

 Project Title: Curry Village, Correct Nob Hill Shower House ADA Access (CIF y4-4506)

 Project Number: 14254

 Project Type: Facility Rehabilitation (FR)

 Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California

 District, Section: Curry Village,

 Project Originator/Coordinator: Maurice West/Earl Zack

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to correct the path of travel to the Nob Hill shower house. The path has too steep of a running slope and cross slope to be ADA compliant. This project will remove the non-compliant portion of the sidewalk, and pour new concrete at the proper grade.

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.		\square		
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				
	Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.		\square		
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?				
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			Curry Village Vicinity Map; see Attachment A.
2.	Drawings (e.g., design, construction)	\boxtimes			Revised slope design and grades; see Attachment B.
3.	Site Plans		\boxtimes		
4.	Photographs	\boxtimes			Existing ramp; see Attachment C.
5.	Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)			\boxtimes	
6.	Other (Explain)			\square	

C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

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

D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

If	implemented, would the proposed action:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?		Х		
	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?		Х		Yosemite Valley Historic District and Curry Village Historic District; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
	Have highly controversial environmental effects?		Х		
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		Х		
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		Х		
6.	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		Х		
7.	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		Х		
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?		Х		
9.	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		Х		
10.	Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		Х		
11.	Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E)?		Х		
12.	Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		Х		
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)?		Х		
14.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?		Х		
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)?		Х		
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?		Х		
17.	Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		Х		
18.	Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?		Х		
	Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?		Х		
Co 1.	mments, Mitigations and Conditions: None				
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E. SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST

Within the area of potential effect, are there:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes		
1. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		\boxtimes				
2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		\boxtimes				
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?		\boxtimes				
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		\boxtimes				
If "yes" to any of the above questions, a Special-Status Species Checklist must be completed and attached.						
Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:						

1. None

F. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST

Wi	thin the area of potential effect:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes			
1.	Will there be ground disturbance?		\boxtimes		Assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see attached XXX.			
2.	Are there any archeological sites?		\boxtimes					
3.	Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?		\boxtimes					
4.	Is the project within the boundary of an archeological or historic landscape or district?	\boxtimes			Yosemite Valley Archeological District; assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see attached XXX.			
5a.	Is there a National Historic Landmark?		\boxtimes					
5b.	Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of</i> <i>Classified Structures</i> ?		\boxtimes					
5c.	Is there a historic property with a DOE and concurrence by the SHPO or a completed National Register form?			\boxtimes				
5d.	Is there a cultural property requiring review under NHPA, Section 106?			\square				
6.	Would there be alteration of a structure or cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?	\bowtie			Mitigated; see condition 1 below and attached XXX.			
If "yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment of Effects form (YOSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.								
Mi	Mitigations and Conditions:							
1.	Match existing concrete as close as possible;	coordi	nate v	vith Hi	storic Landscape Architect (Steve Torgersen,			
	379-1295). (Resources Management and Science)							

G. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST

Is the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes		
1. Within designated Wilderness?		\boxtimes				
2. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		\boxtimes				
If "yes" to either of the above, then a Wilderness Minimum Requirements Analysis must be completed and attached.						
Mitigations and Conditions:						
1. None						

H. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST

Does the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes		
1. Fall within a wild and scenic rive If 'yes", name the river(s)	r corridor?	\bowtie				
2. Fall within the bed and banks AN the free-flow of the river?	D affect		\boxtimes			
3. Potentially affect water quality of	the area?		\boxtimes			
4. Remain consistent with its river s classification?	egment		\boxtimes			
5. Protect and enhance river ORVs?			\boxtimes			
6a. Fall within the River Protection C	Overlay?		\boxtimes			
6b. If "yes", is it consistent with conc the River Protection Overlay?	litions of		\boxtimes			
7. Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?			\boxtimes			
8a. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and S River?	Scenic	\boxtimes				
8b. If 9a is "yes", will the project affe Wild and Scenic River corridor?	ect the		\boxtimes			
8c. If 9a is "yes", will the project unr diminish scenic, recreational, or f wildlife values?	·		\boxtimes			
If "yes" to questions 2, 9b, or 9c, then a WSRA Section 7 determination must be completed and attached.						
Mitigations 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:

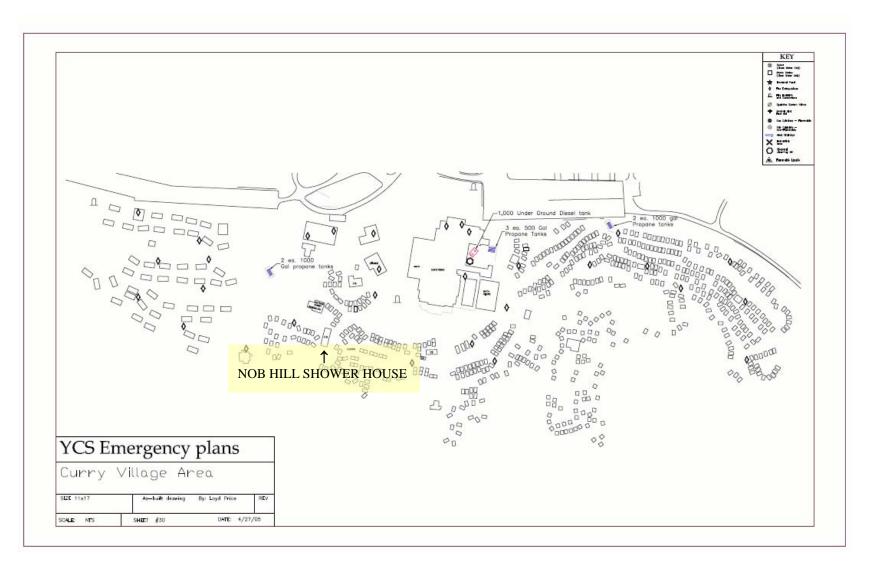
Notwithstanding that this project involves minor facility upgrades, which are required by law to meet federal accessibility standards, its effects would be essentially the same as DO12 C(8) - Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance-for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

Project Mitigations and Conditions:

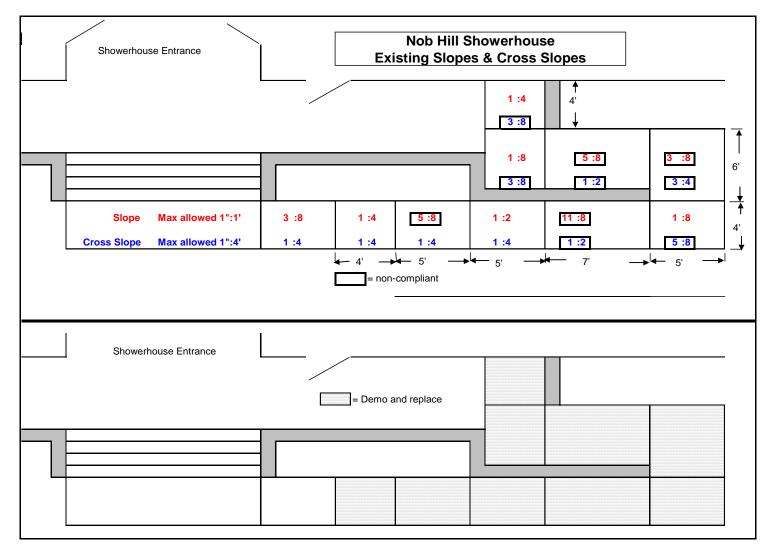
1. Match existing concrete as close as possible; coordinate with Historic Landscape Architect (Steve Torgersen, 379-1295). (Resources Management and Science)

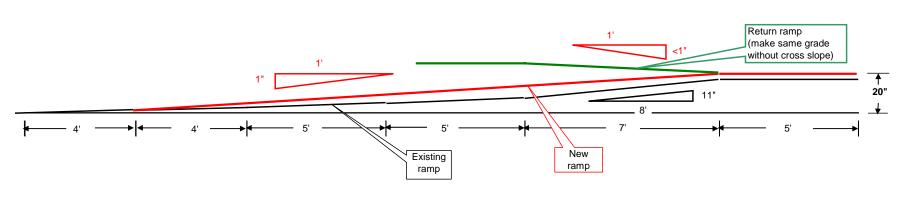
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This project has been reviewed in accordance with the above criteria and it has been determined that the project will result in no or minimal environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from	Compliance Specialist	Date
further environmental 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.	//Mark A Butler// Compliance Program Manager	1/24/06 Date
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	Chief, Project Management	Date

Attachment A



Attachment B



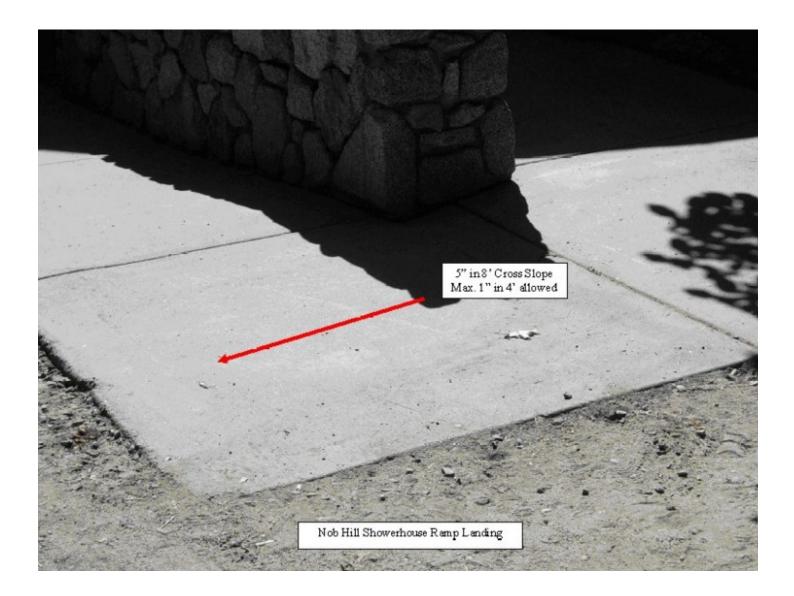


Nob Hill Showerhouse Ramp

Attachment C







A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

- 1. **Project Title & ID:** 2006-020 Curry Village, Correct Nob Hill Shower House ADA Access (14254)
- 2. Project Proponent: DNC, Maurice West
- 3. **Project Description** The purpose of this project is to correct the path of travel to the Nob Hill shower house. The path has too steep of a running slope and cross slope to be ADA compliant. This project will remove the non-compliant portion of the sidewalk, and pour new concrete at the proper grade
- 4. **Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:** Curry Village Historic District Cultural Landscape.

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

* 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).	х			YOSE 1974A Yosemite Valley Archaeological 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	Affec	cted?	Explanation/Note
Potential Effect:	Yes	No	Explanation/Note
a. HIctoric Cultural Landscape	X		Grading and slope modification will affect the landscape

3. List resources in the Area of Potential	Affec	cted?	
Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:	Yes	No	Explanation/Note
a. None known.			

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

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: 1/25/06

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:1/11/20/06
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: No effect. Recommendations for Conditions of	Yes: X No: or Stipulations:	
Signature of Archeologist: <u>//sign</u>	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	Name: Charles Palmer	Date: 1/11/06				
Comments:						
Assessment of Effect: No adverse effect.						
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:					
Signature of Historian: //signed original on file//						
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Historic Architect	Name: Sueann Brown	Date:1/11/06				
Historic Architect Comments:	Name: Sueann Brown	Date:1/11/06				
		Date:1/11/06				
Comments:	effect.	Date:1/11/06				
Comments: Assessment of Effect: No adverse	effect.	Date:1/11/06				
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Signature of Historic Architect: //signed original on file//

Historic Landscape Architect Name: Steve Torgerson Comments:

Assessment of Effect: No adverse effect.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations: Match existing concrete as close as possible.

Signature of Historic Landscape Architect: //signed original on file//

Date: 1/11/06

Preservation Specialist Comments:	Name: Doug Martin	Date:1/11/06
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions or	Stipulations: Concrete textures to match surround	ling sidewalks.
Signature of Preservation Specialist:	//signed original on file//	
Commenter	Name:	Date:
Comments:		
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions or	Stipulations:	
Signature of	;	
	Name:	Date:
Comments:		
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions or	: Stipulations:	
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Signature of _____: ____:

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.

Reviewed and Accepted by:

Signature:	//Niki Nicholas//	Date:	1/11/06	
0	Chief of Resources Management & Science Division			

2. Assessment of Effects: No adverse effect.

3. Compliance Requirements: 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

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:

1. New concrete must match existing concrete in color and texture.

Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:

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 (Acting)//

Date: <u>1/26/06</u>