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Memorandum

To: Kevin M. Keheley, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2015-036 Camp 4 Accessibility Improvements (62380)

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 adverse effect on historical, cultural, or archeological resources.
- 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:

- Archeological monitoring is required for all ground disturbing activities.
- Ensure a work and safety plan is developed and submitted to the park Safety Office prior to project implementation.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations: None

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 62380.

// Don L. Neubacher //

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Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2015-036 Camp 4 Accessibility Improvements

PEPC Project Number: 62380

Project Description:

Camp 4 Campground needs additional accessible campsites to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This project proposes to make two existing accessible on the west side of the existing restroom. Actions include:

- Defining a pathway from the restroom to the accessible campsites on the west side of the restroom. The pathways will be created using decomposed granite with no more than eight inches of ground disturbance.
- Installing a privacy fence in front of the accessible restrooms on the west side of the building. Fence structure will be attached to the concrete foundation of the bathroom. No ground disturbance involved.
- Fill will be added to the redesigned campsites to create a level pad.
- The path of travel from the parking lot to the campsites will be the existing path that is on the north side of the restroom. It will need minor improvements such as a small area of fill to meet grade requirements.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:

- Archeological monitoring is required for all ground disturbing activities.
- Ensure a work and safety plan is developed and submitted to the park Safety Office prior to project implementation.

CE Citation: C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent: //Don L. Neubacher// **Date:** 5/20/2016

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Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
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	
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, 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 (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	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	



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: 2015-036 Camp 4 Accessibility Improvements
PEPC Project Number: 62380
Project Type: Repair/Rehabilitation (REHAB)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California **District:** Yosemite Valley
Project Leader: Kevin Keheley

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	None	
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
Biological Vegetation	None	
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Archeological Resources	None	
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources <i>Ethnographic</i>	Potential	Archeological monitoring is required for all ground disturbing activities. Tribal Consultation took place on the December 2015 Tribal Spreadsheet mailed on January 15, 2016. No comments or concerns were noted by the tribes. Updated information was provided

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<i>resources are tied to the Yosemite Valley Archeological District</i>		on the February Tribal Spreadsheet mailed March 2, 2016; No comments or concerns have been provided.
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological Geologic Features	Potential	The project includes adding fill to level the campsites but some ground disturbance is likely to occur.
Geological Geologic Processes		
Lightscares Lightscares	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	Potential	Safety Office will review the project work and safety plan prior to project implementation.
Other Operational	None	
Other Other	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscapes Soundscapes	Potential	There will be some temporary construction equipment noises during the campsite installation.
Viewsheds Viewsheds	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and	Potential	By providing accessible campsites, all visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy Camp 4.

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Experience		
Water Floodplains	None	
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	
Water Wetlands	None	
Water Wild and Scenic River <i>The project is in the river corridor for the Merced Wild and Scenic River.</i>	Potential	The project is not within the bed and banks of the river. It will not affect free-flow, encroach or intrude, unreasonably diminish ORVs, and it is consistent with the river segment classification,
Wilderness Wilderness	None	
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u> //Renea Kennec// </u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u> 5/16/2016 </u>
<u> //Madelyn Ruffner// </u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u> 5/16/2016 </u>
<u> //Randy Fong// </u> Chief, Project Management – Randy Fong	<u> 5/18/2016 </u>

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
<u> // Don L. Neubacher // </u> Don L. Neubacher	<u> 5/20/2016 </u>

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ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. Project Description:

Project Name: 2015-036 Camp 4 Accessibility Improvements

Prepared by: Sara Dolan **Date Prepared:** 03/10/2016 **Telephone:** (209) 379-1308

PEPC Project Number: 62380

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

Yosemite Valley Archeological District

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

No

Yes

Source or reference: **Napton (1974); Hull (1995)**

4. Potentially Affected Resources:

Archeological resources affected:

Name and numbers: Yosemite Valley Archeological District (YVAD)

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Archeological Resources Notes: The project area falls within the YVAD and within the boundaries of a sensitive archeological resource. The resource is considered a contributing to the YVAD.

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

Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting,

_____ 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] 106 Advisor
Name: Kimball Koch
Date: 04/21/2016
Comments: No adverse effects to historic/archeological resources

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
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Anthropologist
Name: Eirik Thorsgard
Date: 03/10/2016
Comments: Tribal Consultation took place on the December 2015 Tribal Spreadsheet mailed on January 15, 2016. No comments or concerns were noted by the Tribes. Updated (FYI) information was provided on the February Tribal Spreadsheet mailed March 2, 2016; No Comments or Concerns have been provided.

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
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Ethnographic resource identified and tied to Archaeological site. Stipulations recommended by Archaeologist concurred.

[X] Archeologist
Name: Sara Dolan
Date: 03/10/2016
Comments: The project area falls within the boundaries of a sensitive archeological resource.

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
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Archeological monitoring is required for all ground disturbing activities.

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Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 03/08/2016

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance

Assessment of Effect: No Potential to Cause Effect No Historic Properties Affected No

Adverse Effect Adverse Effect Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:.

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.

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

SHPO/THPO Notes:

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.)**

- Assessment of Effect - Archeological monitoring is required for all ground disturbing activities.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Kimball

Koch

// Kimball Koch //

Date: 5/16/2016

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

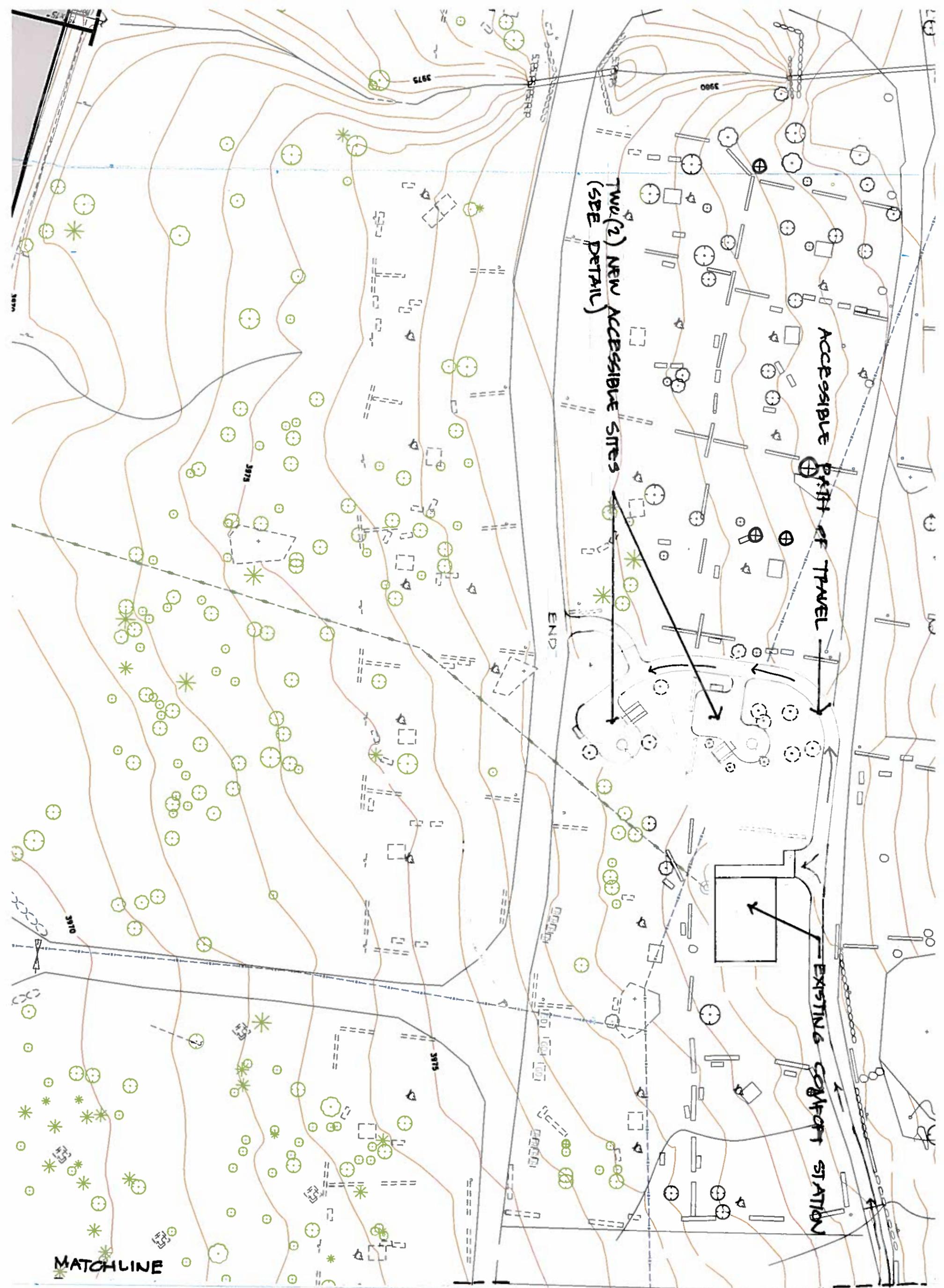
The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies and Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Superintendent: // Don L. Neubacher //

Date: 5/20/2016

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CAMP 4
 ACCESSIBLE CAMPING
 PLAN VIEW 1 OF 2



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PLAN VIEW 2 OF 2



