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

Memorandum

To: Gary Wuchner, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park
From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2016-006 El Portal Helling Residence Remodel (64897)

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 complete compliance information see PEPC Project 64897.

// Don L. Neubacher /
Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2016-006 El Portal Helling Residence Remodel

PEPC Project Number: 64897

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Helling residents own a private home in the El Portal Administrative located at 5637 Foresta Road. It is within a residential neighborhood administered by the National Park Service to provide housing for NPS employees, contractors and partners.

This project is an addition to the existing home, adding a bedroom and small bathroom. The addition will add 499 square feet. The foundation site for the new construction will require leveling and some ground disturbance of up to 12 inches. The footings will also require trenches up to 12 inches deep.

The addition will keep the house as a single family residential structure/dwelling and will retain the massing, scale and character found in other single family residential structures within the neighborhood.

Once construction starts the addition is estimated to be completed within 9 to 12 months.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigation(s):

- Archeological monitoring is required.

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

Explanation: 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:** 8/12/2016
Don L. Neubacher

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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: 2016-006 El Portal Helling Residence Remodel

PEPC Project Number: 64897

Project Type:

Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)

Project Location:

County, State:

Mariposa County, Ca

Project Leader:

Gary Wuchner

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	There will be short term construction related impacts to air quality.
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	Potential	This project is within the boundaries of a sensitive cultural resource. Archeological monitoring is required.
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	Ethnographic resources have previously been identified in the area specifically the villages of Sal-lah'-to and Sas'-oo-lah (Sas'-oo-lah). Tribal Consultation took place on the June 2106 Tribal Spreadsheet mailed on June 24, 2016. No comments or concerns were noted by the Tribes.
Cultural Museum	None	

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Collections		
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological Geologic Features	Potential	There will be ground disturbance to install a foundation for the addition, up to 12 inches in depth.
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscares Lightscares	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
Other Operational	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	Potential	This project expands the footprint of an existing house by building a new structure as an addition (499 square ft.), increasing the occupancy of this home.
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscapes Soundscapes	None	
Viewsheds Viewsheds	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and Experience	None	
Water Floodplains	None	
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	
Water Wetlands	None	
Water	None	

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Wild and Scenic River		
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<i>// Kristin Anderson //</i> Compliance Specialist – Kristin Anderson	<u>8/3/2016</u>
<i>// Madelyn Ruffner //</i> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>8/3/2016</u>
<i>// Randy Fong //</i> Chief, Project Management – Randy Fong	<u>8/11/2016</u>

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
<i>// Don L. Neubacher //</i> Don L. Neubacher	<u>8/12/2016</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: 2016-006 El Portal Helling Residence Remodel

Prepared by: Renea Kennec **Date Prepared:** 06/07/2016 **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 64897

Locations: Mariposa County, CA

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

El Portal Archeological District

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

 No

 X Yes

Source or reference:

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

Archeological resources affected:

Name and number(s): El Portal Archeological District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Archeological Resources Notes: This project is within the boundaries of a sensitive cultural resource. Archeological monitoring is required.

Ethnographic Resources Affected Notes: Ethnographic resources have previously been identified in the area specifically the villages of Sal-lah'-to and Sas'-oo-lah (Sas'-oo-lah). Archeological monitoring is required.

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

 No Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

 No Replace historic features/elements in kind

 No 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

 Yes Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

 No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

 Yes Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

 Yes 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] 106 Advisor
Name: Kimball Koch
Date: 07/14/2016

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: 07/26/2016

Comments: Tribal Consultation took place on the June 2106 Tribal Spreadsheet mailed on June 24, 2016. No comments or concerns were noted by the Tribes.

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 resources have previously been identified in the area specifically the villages of Sal-lah'-to and Sas'-oo-lah (Sas'-oo-lah). Archeological monitoring is required.

[X] Archeologist
Name: Sara Dolan
Date: 07/21/2016

Comments: Project area is located within a sensitive cultural 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.

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historian
Name: Scott Carpenter
Date: 08/02/2016

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:

☒ Historical Architect

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 07/13/2016

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:

☒ Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 07/14/2016

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, 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:

[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.

1999 PA as amended in 2016

[] 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.)

- Archeological monitoring is required.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Historic Preservation Officer:

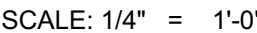
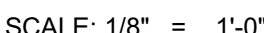
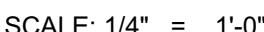
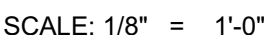
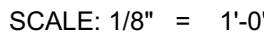
Kimball Koch // Kimball Koch // **Date:** 8/3/2016

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:** 8/12/2016
Don L. Neubacher

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AWN	AWNING
CS	CASEMENT
CLR	CLEARSTORY
DH	DOUBLE HUNG
DBL	DOUBLE
FD	FOLDING DOOR
F	FRENCH
FXD	FRENCH CASEMENT
FXD	FIXED
HC	HOLLOW CORE
OH	OVERHEAD
PR	PAIR
PKT	POCKET
S	SINGLE
SC	SOLID CORE
SCR	SCREEN (INSECT)
SGD	SLIDING GLASS DOOR
SH	SINGLE HUNG
SL	SKYLIGHT
SL	SLIDER
TEMP	TEMPERED GLASS
WD	WOOD

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