



Hodgdon Meadow Trailer Replacement Project

Why undertake this project?

Yosemite National Park is considering the construction of a duplex in the Hodgdon Meadow housing area in order to replace previously removed obsolete trailers that did not meet National Park Service (NPS) housing standards. This duplex would provide new housing for two or more park employees. Hodgdon Meadow is one of three residential areas in the Mather Ranger District.

Private housing in nearby communities is very limited, and Mather District employees face a shortage of adequate housing. The new duplex would help Yosemite National Park address this housing shortage and provide a type of housing that meets National Park Service standards for safety, economy, and quality.

Yosemite National Park identified Hodgdon Meadow as an appropriate area for residential and administrative facilities development in the 1980 General Management Plan. However, this project would not expand housing capacity at Hodgdon Meadow, as the proposal is to replace substandard units that were included in the housing inventory in 1980. The new duplex would be energy- efficient, bear- proof, affordable to maintain, and would match the architectural style of the other Hodgdon Meadow buildings.

Where is the project located?

The Hodgdon Meadow housing area is located along the Old Big Oak Flat Road, three- quarters of a mile southeast of the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station. While there are visitor facilities nearby—such as the Hodgdon Meadow Campground—the general area where construction would take place is primarily used as an administrative area and is closed to private vehicle traffic.

What does this project entail?

Incorporating input from park staff and the public, Yosemite National Park has selected a preferred construction site for the new Hodgdon duplex. This previously- distributed site is the former location of a trailer used for employee housing, and does not expand the developed footprint of the housing area. The proposed duplex would use an existing design from the National Park Service “Prototype Design Guidelines for trailer Replacement” (available at www.nps.gov/yose/planning). It would be a conventional, stick- frame structure on a slab foundation. Soil will need to be excavated to prepare the site for the foundation, the amount of which will depend on the chosen design.

What is the schedule for this project?

Planning Timeline:

Completed (spring 2006):
Completed (March 15, 2006- April 14, 2006):
Fall 2006:
Spring- Fall 2007:

Internal Agency Scoping
Formal Public Scoping
Public Review of Draft EA
Construction Period

Public Participation

Here are some ways to learn more and stay involved will park planning efforts and implementation projects:

- Attend a National Park Service's public open house to talk with project specialists and obtain more information about ongoing and future park projects.
- Add your name to the park's mailing list (to address/fax/email below) and receive planning- related notices. You can also submit your email address to receive Yosemite National Park's periodic electronic newsletter.
 - Mail: Superintendent
Attn: *Planning Mailing List*
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 - Email: YOSE_Planning@nps.gov
 - Web: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose>
A new way to submit comments: PEPC (Planning, Environment, and Public Comment)

For more information about the PEPC system, read an informational sheet, found online at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning/projects/pepc.pdf>

