Categorical Exclusion

(Version: FEB06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-057 PEPC Project Number: 15818

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Title: El Portal Community Hall Temporary Storage Shed Installation
Location: El Portal, Mariposa County, California
Project Manager: Elexis Mayer, Project Management, Yosemite National Park
Project Manager: Sunshine Goodmorning, El Portal Community Association

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(5) - Installation of a signs, displays, and kiosks.

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//___

6/19/06

Michael J. Tollefson

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-PM)

Memorandum

- To: Elexis Mayer, Project Manager, Project Management, Yosemite National Park Sunshine Goodmorning, Project Manager, El Portal Community Association
- From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
- Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-057 El Portal Community Hall Temporary Storage Shed Installation

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(5) - Installation of signs, displays, and kiosks.

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//____ Michael J. Tollefson <u>6/19/06</u> Date

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

Environmental Screening Form

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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.		\boxtimes		National Park Service staff are familiar with site.
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.		\square		
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?			\square	
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			Site map; see Attachment A.
2.	Drawings (e.g., design, construction)		\boxtimes		
3.	Site Plans		\boxtimes		
4.	Photographs	\boxtimes			Shed placement photo simulation; see Attachment B.
5.	Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)		\boxtimes		
6.	Other (Explain)		\boxtimes		

C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

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

1. Ensure that all equipment and materials brought into the park are free of non-native, invasive plants and animals, and noxious weeds. All staff working on site shall be informed of and follow best management practices for preventing the introduction and spread of non-native, invasive species as described in Division 1 specifications, Section 1355. (Environmental Planning & Compliance Office)

D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

If	implemented, would the proposed action:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
	Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?		\boxtimes		
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?				Mitigated: see section F. National Historic Preservation Act Checklist and attached XXX.
3.			\boxtimes		
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		\boxtimes		
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		\boxtimes		
6.	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?				
7.	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		\boxtimes		
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?				
9.	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		\boxtimes		
10.	Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		\bowtie		
11.	Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E)?		\boxtimes		
12.	Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		\square		
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)?		\boxtimes		
14.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?				Mitigated; see condition 1 below.
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)?				Mitigated; see condition 1 below.
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?				
17.	Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		\boxtimes		
18.	Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?		\boxtimes		
19.	Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?		\boxtimes		

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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)?		\square			
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?		\boxtimes			
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		\square			
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					
2.	Are there any archeological sites?		\boxtimes					
3.	Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?		\square					
4.	Is the project within the boundary of an archeological or historic landscape or district?	\square			El Portal Archeological District; the 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 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			Cultural Landscape Inventory Level 1, Old El Portal			
6.	Would there be alteration of a structure or cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?	\square			The assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see conditions below, and attached XXX.			
If "	If "yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment of Effects form (YOSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.							
Mi	tigations and Conditions:							
1.	L. Ensure structure is a muted color to blend into the landscape. (Resources Management and Sciences)							

Ensure structure is a muted color to blend into the landscape. (Resources Management and Sciences)
 Consult with Historic Architect regarding foundation blocks. (Resources Management and Sciences)

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

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)	\bowtie			Merced River
2.	Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?		\square		
3.	Potentially affect water quality of the area?		\boxtimes		
4.	Remain consistent with its river segment classification?				The temporary storage shed installation remains consistent with its river segment classification of "Recreational."
5.	Protect and enhance river ORVs?	\square			The temporary storage shed installation will protect and enhance river ORVs.
ба.	Fall within the River Protection Overlay?		\boxtimes		
6b.	If "yes", is it consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?			\square	
7.	Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?	\boxtimes			The temporary storage shed installation remains consistent with the area's management zoning of "3C - Park Operations and Administration."
8a.	Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		\bowtie		
8b.	If 9a is "yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?			\square	
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 Second	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:

Installation of a small storage shed on piers would have impacts similar to those covered by DO12 3.4 *C* (5) - *Installation of signs, displays, and kiosks*.

Project Mitigations and Conditions:

- **1.** Ensure structure is a muted color to blend into the landscape. (Resources Management and Sciences)
- 2. Consult with Historic Architect regarding foundation blocks. (Resources Management and Sciences)
- **3.** Ensure that the structure is removed within five years of the installation. (Management Team)

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.

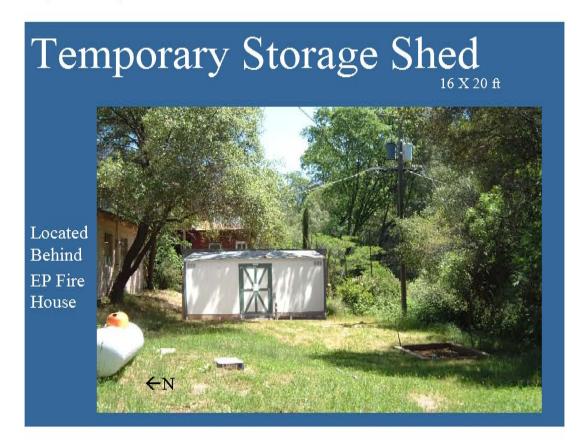
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Compliance Specialist	Date
//Mark Butler// Compliance Program Manager	6/5/06 Date
//Bill Delaney//	6/13/06
Chief, Project Management	Date

Attachment A



Attachment B

El Portal Community Association – Temporary Storage Shed Photo Simulation Compliance Tracking #: 2006-057



Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE XXX)

(Version: FEB06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-057 PEPC Project Number: 15818

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

Title: El Portal Community Hall Temporary Storage Shed

Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:

El Portal Administrative Site, Mariposa County, California

Old El Portal

Project Manager: Elexis Mayer, Project Management, Yosemite National Park

Project Manager: Sunshine Good Morning, El Portal Community Association,

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1. Attached Sensitive Information**	Yes No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps	\Box	
b. Drawings	\Box	
c. Site Plans	\Box	
d. Photographs	\Box	
e. Sample	\Box	
f. List of Materials		
g. Other (Explain)	\Box	

** 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
 Has the Area of Potential Effect been surveyed to identify historic properties? If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s). 				Cultural Landscape Inventory Level 1 Old El Portal Evaluation of Historical Significance and Integrity of the Cultural Resources in El Portal Administrative Site, Yosemite National Park, California: Determination of Eligibility for Listing in the NRHP DOE is under re-evaluation, currently it is not
a. Would the proposed action affect a known historic property?		\boxtimes		eligible.
kilowit instorie property:				engible.
2. List all Historic Properties in the Area of Potential Effect:	Aff Ye	ected? s No		Explanation/Notes
a. None				
b.				
с.				
3. List resources in the Area of Potential Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:	Aff Ye	ected? s No		Explanation/Notes
a. None				
b.				
с.				
4. The proposed action will:	Ye	s No	N/A	Explanation/Note
• Destroy, remove, or alter features or				
elements from a historic structure				
 Replace historic features/elements in kind Add nonhistoric features/elements to a 				
historic structure				
• Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)				Temporary NTE 3 years
 Add nonhistoric features/elements (including visual, audible, or atmospheric to a historic setting or cultural landscape)			
• Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain				
• Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain				
 Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources 				
• Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)				
• Potentially affect presently unidentified				
historic resourcesOther				
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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 prepared by: Jeannette Simons Title: Historic Preservation Officer Date: 8/2/06

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: 05/16/06
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: "No Effect" Recommended Conditions:	Yes: 🗌 No: 🔀	
Signature of Archeologist: <u>//sign</u>	ed original on file//	
Cultural Anthropologist Comments:	Name: Sonny Montague	Date:
Assessment of Effect: <choose b="" effe<=""> Recommended Conditions:</choose>	ect> or write it here >>	
Signature of Cultural Anthropologis	t:	
Curator Comments:	Name: Jonathan Bayless	Date:
Assessment of Effect: <choose b="" effe<=""> Recommended Conditions:</choose>	ect> or write it here >>	

Historian Comments:	Name: Charles Palmer	Date: 05/10/06	
Assessment of Effect: "No Effect" Recommended Conditions:			
Signature of Historian: <u>//sign</u>	ed original on file//		
Historic Architect Comments:	Name: Sueann Brown	Date: 05/10/06	
Assessment of Effect: "No Adverse Effect" Recommended Conditions: Use dark brown color if puchasing a new storage shed. Work with historic architect regarding foundation blocks.			
Historic Landscape Architect Comments:	Name: Steven Torgerson	Date:	
Assessment of Effect: <choose b="" eff<=""> Recommended Conditions:</choose>	fect> or write it here >>		

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

Preservation Specialist Comments:	Name: Doug Martin	Date: 05/10/06	
Assessment of Effect: "No Effect"			
Recommended Conditions: Recom	mended Conditions		
	<i></i>		
Signature of Preservation Specialis	t: <u>//signed original on file//</u>		
Native American Liaison	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date: 05/10/06	
Comments:			
Assessment of Effect: "No Effect"	,		
Recommended Conditions:			
Signature of Native American Liais	son: <u>//signed original on file//</u>		
<enter specialist="" title=""></enter>	Name:	Date:	
Comments:	Tulle.	Dute.	
Assessment of Effect: < Choose Effect> or write it here >>			
Recommended Conditions:			

Signature of <enter specialist="" title="">:</enter>	
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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.

Reviewed and Accepted by:

Signature:	//Niki Stephanie Nicholas//	Date:	
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 historic resource management advisors.

Undertaking related to the 1995 NPS Programmatic Agreement

The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV. A of the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement, and is listed in Stipulation IV. B, as:

<Choose Type of Undertaking>

□ 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: <Enter Agreement Information>

□ 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. Use dark brown color.

2. Consult with the park Historic Architect (Sueann Brown, 379-1222) regarding foundation blocks.

Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:

Name:	Jeannette Simons	
Title:	Historic Preservation Officer	
Signature:	//Jeannette Simons//	Date: <u>5/24/06</u>

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>6/19/06</u>