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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: 2016-034 Wawona Joyce House Accessibility Upgrades (68845)

The Executive Leadership Team has reviewed the proposed project 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:

- No mitigations identified.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations: None

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 68845.

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Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2016-034 Wawona Joyce House Accessibility Upgrades

PEPC Project Number: 68845

Project Description:

This proposed project is to remodel and modify a Sierra Nevada Research Station residence (Joyce House – NPS# 4184) located on 2639 West Bruce Lane in Wawona. The proposed work is designed to meet accessibility requirements and accommodate people with disabilities.

Work will include:

- Install accessible parking pad and ramp to accommodate wheel chair accessibility. The parking pad will be 20 feet x 20 feet. The ramp will measure 50 feet long x 5 feet wide and extend from the parking area to the house. Depth of ground disturbance for both actions will be a maximum of 18 inches.
- Replace/reconfigure existing exterior stairways (3) which include installation of concrete pads. The pads measure approximately 6 feet x 7 feet in size and extend to a depth of 18 inches. Stairways will be post and pier construction (limited to no ground disturbance). The northwest stairway will be re-configured from the original design.
- Remodel interior/exterior portions of the house which includes bathrooms, toilets, bedrooms, guardrails, sprinklers, and doors (no ground disturbance).

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:

- No mitigations identified.

CE Citation: C.19 Construction or rehabilitation in previously disturbed or developed areas, required to meet health or safety regulations, or to meet requirements for making facilities for the handicapped.

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

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Superintendent: //Woody Smeck//

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Date: 2/15/17

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: 2016-034 Wawona Joyce House Accessibility Upgrades
PEPC Project Number: 68845
Project Type: Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California **District:** Wawona
Project Leader: Gary Wuchner

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	Potential	No archeological monitoring is required. Should unanticipated archeological deposits be encountered during the project, construction crews are required to contact YOSE Cultural Resource staff to assess the findings.
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	

Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	Tribal Consultation initiated via Tribal Spreadsheet on December 2016. No comments or concerns have been received as of this date. No known ethnographic resources will be impacted by the project.
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological Geologic Features	Potential	Parking pad measures 20 feet by 20 feet by 18 inches. The ramp will be 50 feet long by 5 feet wide and 18 inches deep. The stairway pad area measures 6 feet by 7 feet by 18 inches.
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscapes Lightscapes	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	Potential	This project is designed to meet all accessibility requirements and accommodate disabled residents.
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 temporary construction noises during the installation of the concrete pads.
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 Wild and Scenic River	None	
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>//Renea Kennec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u>2/1/17</u>
<u>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>2/9/17</u>
<u>//Ron Gaunt//</u> Acting Chief, Project Management – Ron Gaunt	<u>2/13/17</u>

Approved:

Acting Superintendent	Date
<u>//Woody Smeck//</u> Woody Smeck	<u>2/15/17</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: 2016-034 Wawona Joyce House Accessibility Upgrades

Prepared by: Renea Kennec **Date Prepared:** 01/24/2017 **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 68845

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

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

 No

 X Yes

Source or reference:

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

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

 No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

 No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

 Yes Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

 No 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: 01/31/2017

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []
Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect X No Historic Properties Affected ___ No
Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Anthropologist
Name: Eirik Thorsgard
Date: 01/27/2017
Comments: Tribal Consultation was initiated on November 30, 2016. No Comments or concerns have been received from the Tribes regarding the project. No known ethnographic resources will be impacted by the project.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []
Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect X No Historic Properties Affected ___ No
Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Archeologist
Name: Sara Dolan
Date: 01/24/2017

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []
Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect X No Historic Properties Affected ___ No
Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: No archeological monitoring is required. Should unanticipated archeological deposits be encountered during the project, construction crews are required to contact YOSE Cultural Resource staff to assess the findings.

[X] Historical Architect
Name: Cooper Norman
Date: 12/15/2016
Comments: Reviewed for Criteria C - Architectural Significance Only

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []
Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect X No Historic Properties Affected ___ No
Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Historical Landscape Architect
Name: Kimball Koch
Date: 01/31/2017

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, Historian, 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 Programmatic Agreement 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.)**

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Section 106 Coordinator

Kimball Koch //Kimball Koch// **Date:** 2/10/17

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.

Acting
Superintendent: //Woody Smeck// **Date:** 2/15/17
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