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Memorandum

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

From: Acting Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-006 Wawona Campground Site Accessibility Enhancement (71112)

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:

- If decomposed granite is imported, use an approved weed-free aggregate source. Consult with Garrett Dickman if there are questions.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

All of the work will happen in previously disturbed areas and on top of the ground surface. There will be no ground disturbing activities that will require archeological monitoring.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 71112.

//Lisa Mendelson// acting
Palmer L. Jenkins
Enclosure (with attachments)
cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2017-006 Wawona Campground Site Accessibility Enhancement

PEPC Project Number: 71112

Description of Action (Project Description):

This project will modify four campsites (67, 69, 70, and 89) in loop C of the Wawona Campground to enhance accessibility. Each site will be equipped with accessible food storage lockers, fire rings, wooden picnic tables with galvanized steel frames, attached bench seating, and extended accessible table tops.

The accessibility enhancements will also include installation of a hardened campsite surface in campsites #89 and #67 to stabilize the campsite surface and improvements to the path of travel from the accessible restroom to the campsites. Decomposed granite will be used as surface material for the two added accessible pathways from campsites #89 and #67 to the accessible bathroom (building 4067). The project will also involve removing the underutilized campsite platforms to allow campers the freedom to place their tent wherever they would like, adding decomposed granite accessible parking pads (sites #89 and #67), and relocating camp site #89 closer to the accessible bathroom.

The accessible pathways are 4 feet wide and approximately 50 to 60 feet long and 3 inches deep depending on the grade.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigation(s):

- If decomposed granite is imported, use an approved weed-free aggregate source. Consult with Garrett Dickman if there are questions.

CE Citation: C.11 Minor trail relocation, development of compatible trail networks on logging roads or other established routes, and trail maintenance and repair.

CE Justification:

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: //Lisa Mendelson// acting **Date:** 7/28/17

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: 2017-006 Wawona Campground Site Accessibility Enhancement

PEPC Project Number: 71112

Project Type: Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)

Project Location:

County, State: Mariposa, California

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	Potential	Project is within the boundaries of a sensitive resource. No ground disturbance is proposed, and the area has been surveyed by park archeologist.
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	Tribes were consulted per June 2017 spreadsheet. No comments received.
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological	None	

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Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Geologic Features		
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscares Lightscares	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
Other Operational	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
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	Potential	This project will improve the accessibility of four campsites within the campground.
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>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Specialist – Alan Kunz	<u>7/18/17</u>
<u>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>7/18/17</u>
<u>//Ron Gaunt//</u> Acting Chief, Project Management – Ron Gaunt	<u>7/21/17</u>

Approved:

Acting Superintendent	Date
<u>//Lisa Mendelson// acting</u> Palmer L. Jenkins	<u>7/28/17</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: 2017-006 Wawona Campground Site Accessibility Enhancement

Prepared by: Alan Kunz **Date Prepared:** 06/19/2017 **Telephone:** 209-379-1303

PEPC Project Number: 71112

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

Wawona Archeological District

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

☐ No
☒ Yes

Source or reference: Napton (1974), Hull and Hale (1997)

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

Archeological Resources Affected:

Archeological Resources Notes: Project area is within the boundaries of a sensitive cultural resource.

Ethnographic Resources Affected Notes: Project was listed on the June 2017 Tribal Spreadsheet.

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

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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:

☒ 106 Advisor

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 7/11/2017

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:

☒ Anthropologist

Name: Eirik Thorsgard

Date: 07/11/2017

Comments: Tribal consultation took place in June Tribal Spreadsheet, dated June 5, 20017, no comments or concerns have been received to date.

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:

☒ Archeologist

Name: Sara Dolan

Date: 06/26/2017

Comments: The project area is located within the boundaries of a sensitive cultural resource. The project area was visited and project actions assessed during a site visit in May 2017. The proposed actions will not involve ground disturbance (all surfacing materials will be placed on the ground surface) and are located in areas that have been previously disturbed by existing park infrastructure (buildings and utilities). There are no archeological concerns.

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 archeological monitoring is required.

☒ Historian

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 06/28/2017

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:

☒ Historical Landscape Architect
Name: Kimball Koch
Date: 7/11/2017

Comments: No historic properties (built environment) affected

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, 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.)

2. Rehabilitation and/or Minor Relocation of Existing Trails, Walks, Paths, and Sidewalks.

Assessment of Effect Notes: 2 b

☐ 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.

☐ E. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process

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.

All of the work will happen in previously disturbed areas and on top of the ground surface. There will be no ground disturbing activities that will require archeological monitoring.

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:

Historic Preservation Officer

Kimball Koch //Kimball Koch// **Date:** 7/7/17

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.

Superintendent: //Lisa Mendelson//_acting **Date:** 7/28/17
Palmer L. Jenkins

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