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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Memorandum

To: Joseph Llewellyn, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park
From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-015 El Portal Marcis Garage Demo/Rebuild w/Apt (73070)

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 73070.

//Sula Jacobs// acting for
Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

Letter of Compliance Completion – 2017-015 El Portal Marcis Garage Demolition and Rebuild - PEPC ID: 73070

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Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in
Yosemite National Park.*



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2017-015 El Portal Marcis Garage Demolition and Rebuild

PEPC Project Number: 73070

Project Description:

The residents of 9760 Crane Creek Road propose to demolish their existing deteriorating 700 square foot garage and replace with a new structure (770 square feet) - a 10% increase in square feet. This residence lies within El Portal, an administrative site of Yosemite National Park, where residents own structures on federal land. The new garage will be one story (as is the existing garage to be demolished). They are proposing to develop a studio guest quarters (352 square feet) as a joint garage and guest family quarters structure.

Ground disturbance will consist of excavating and pouring footings and slab foundation. Trenching will occur for sewer and water connections. Utility connections will occur overhead.

The construction staging plan is to be contained to within lot lines. The visual impacts are similar to the existing layout and will be an enhancement as the current structure is deteriorating.

All building permits will be issued by Mariposa County and all permit inspections will be conducted by Mariposa County.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:

- No mitigations identified.

CE Citation: C.8 Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity or appearance.

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.

Acting

Superintendent: //Sula Jacobs// acting for _____ **Date:** 10/12/17
Palmer L. Jenkins

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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: 2017-015 El Portal Marcis Garage Demo/Rebuild w/Apt
PEPC Project Number: 73070
Project Type: Other Permit (OP)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California
Project Leader: Joseph Llewellyn

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Temporary air emissions during the construction.
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	None	
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	This project was on the July 2017 Tribal Spreadsheet.
Cultural Museum Collections	None	

Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological Geologic Features	None	
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscares Lightscares	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
Other Operational	None	
Other Other	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscares Soundscares	Potential	Temporary construction noises during the demolition and rebuilding.
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	

Wild and Scenic River		
Wilderness Wilderness	None	
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>//Renea Kenec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kenec	<u>10/3/17</u>
<u>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>10/3/17</u>
<u>//Ron Gaunt//</u> Chief, Project Management – Ron Gaunt	<u>10/3/17</u>

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
<u>//Sula Jacobs//</u> Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)	<u>10/12/17</u>



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. Project Description:

Project Name: 2017-015 El Portal Marcis Garage Demolition and Rebuild

Prepared by: Renea Kennec **Date Prepared:** 08/08/2017 **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 73070

Locations:

County, State: Mariposa, CA

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

Lot #81 located in the El Portal Administrative Area. The remodeled garage will be visible from the adjacent residential lot as well as from the El Portal Playground. The vertical APE will not exceed 24 inches.

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

No

Yes

Source or reference:

4. Potentially Affected Resources:

Archeological Resources Affected: None

Historical Structures/Resources Affected: None

Cultural Landscapes Affected: None

Ethnographic Resources Affected: None

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
 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: 09/07/2017

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:
 Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

Anthropologist
 Name: Scott Carpenter
 Date: 09/01/2017
 Comments: Area previously disturbed/alterd by previous construction. No comments received from the tribes following project announcement in July Tribal Spreadsheet.

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: 09/05/2017
 Comments: Project area is in area of disturbance from previous recent construction and outside of known archeological sites and features.

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: Yosemite Archeologist will be available for spot monitoring during ground disturbance activities.

[X] Historian

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 09/01/2017

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:

[X] Historical Architect

Name: Sueann Brown

Date: 09/07/2017

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:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 08/08/2017

Comments: The building has not been identified as a national register eligible historic property (built environment)

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. A letter was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office on August 30, 2017 seeking concurrence on an assessment of No Adverse Effect. No response was received within the 30-day requested review period. Park is moving forward with project approval.

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:

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:

