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## Letter of Compliance Completion

**To:** Schree Yager, Housing Office, Yosemite National Park

**From:** Cicely Muldoon, Acting Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2020-036 Residential Fence for Building #4181 in the NPS Housing Area in Wawona (PEPC: 92068)

The Superintendent and park interdisciplinary team have reviewed the proposed project and completed an impact analysis and documentation, and 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 to historic properties.
- 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.

**Required Mitigations** - For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- Only repairs and work specified in PEPC 92068 are approved for implementation. Changes to the scope of work requires additional review and approval by the Yosemite Environmental Planning and Compliance Office.
- The fence shall not be attached to the building. The t-posts shall be painted green to blend with the surrounding area; wire-mesh fencing shall be used to blend with the surroundings and maintain transparency of the landscape around the building.

**Superintendent:** Cicely Muldoon, Acting Superintendent **Date:** March 23, 2020

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A PDF text file of the project's approved environmental compliance package containing the categorical exclusion form, letter of compliance completion, environmental screening form, and any other associated environmental clearance forms, as applicable (e.g., Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis, Wild and Scenic River Section 7 Analysis). The signed originals of the package are on file in the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office at Yosemite National Park.



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## Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

**Project:** Residential Fence for Building #4181 in the NPS Housing Area in Wawona

**PEPC Project Number:** 92068

**Description of Action (Project Description):**

The project involves the installation of a metal post and wire fence in the backyard of residential building #4181 (2641 West Bruce Road) in an NPS employee housing area in Wawona. This residence is occupied by park employees who have requested park approval to install a dog fence. Installation of this type of utilitarian fence occurs throughout the park's residential areas and is considered compatible with the residential nature of the neighborhood.

The fenced enclosure, will be installed on the north and west side of the house, measuring 53 feet by 75 feet, and will be constructed using six foot tall t-posts and welded wire fencing material (approximately 192 linear feet). The welded wire fencing (rolled) would be 3 feet high with 2 inch by 4 inch holes. The fence will not be physically connected to the house.

**Mitigation(s):**

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- The fence shall not be attached to the building. The t-posts shall be painted green to blend with the surrounding area; wire-mesh fencing shall be used to blend with the surroundings and maintain transparency of the landscape around the building.

**CE Citation:** C.17 Construction of fencing enclosures or boundary fencing posing no effect on wildlife migrations.

**CE Justification:** NA

**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.

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**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
<b>A.</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
<b>B.</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	
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
<b>F.</b> Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
<b>G.</b> 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	
<b>H.</b> 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	
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
<b>K.</b> 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	
<b>L.</b> 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:** Residential Fence for Building #4181 in the NPS Housing Area in Wawona  
**PEPC Project Number:** 92068  
**Project Type:** Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Mariposa, California  
**Project Leader:** Schree Yager

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See Categorical Exclusion form.

### C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<b>Air</b> Air Quality	None	
<b>Biological</b> Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
<b>Biological</b> Vegetation	None	
<b>Biological</b> Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Archeological Resources <i>Archeological Resources</i>	Potential	Issue: Project is located within the Wawona Archeological District.  Impact: Project has been reviewed by the park Compliance Archeologist and should result in no adverse impacts to archeological resources.
<b>Cultural</b> Cultural Landscapes	None	

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures <i>Historic Structures</i>	Potential	Issue: House adjacent to project is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  Impact: Follow resource protections to avoid impacts to a potentially eligible historic property.
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
<b>Lightscares</b> Lightscares	None	
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	None	
<b>Other</b> Operational <i>Park employee resident</i>	Potential	Issue: Park employees occupy the residence where the project is proposed.  Impact: Project will improve quality of life for the employee residents of the house.
<b>Other</b> Other	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Socioeconomic	None	
<b>Soundscapes</b> Soundscapes	None	
<b>Viewsheds</b> Viewsheds <i>Visibility of fence</i>	Potential	Issue: The proposed fence would be visible from the residence, as well as other potentially historic residences in the neighborhood.  Impact: The fence will be partially screened by natural vegetation and will be constructed with non-intrusive/compatible materials.
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources	None	

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Visitor Use and Experience	None	
<b>Water</b> Floodplains	None	
<b>Water</b> Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	
<b>Water</b> Wetlands	None	
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic River	None	
<b>Wilderness</b> Wilderness	None	



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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:** Residential Fence for Building #4181 in the NPS Housing Area in Wawona

**Prepared by:** Ninette Daniele    **Date Prepared:** 12/17/2019    **Telephone:**

**PEPC Project Number:** 92068

**Locations:**

**County, State:** Mariposa, CA

**Describe project:** See Categorical Exclusion form.

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

Building #4181 is located in an employee housing area in the community of Wawona. The APE includes the building and associated front and backyard areas of the house. The fence could be seen from the neighboring residences and from West Bruce Road to the east. The subsurface APE would be the 1-foot associated with installing the t-posts in the ground.

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

No

Yes

**Source or reference:**

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

**Archeological Resources Present:** No

**Archeological Resources Notes:** Building #4181 in Wawona is located within the boundary of the Wawona Archeological District. The project area was archeologically surveyed in 1974, 1984, and 2019, with archeological construction monitoring occurring adjacent to the project area in 1985. No archeological sites have been identified within or adjacent to the project area.

**Historical Structures/Resources Present:** Yes

**Historical Structures/Resources Notes:** Wawona residence #4181 (2641 West Bruce Road) - For the purposes of addressing NHPA Section 106 requirements for the identification and inventory of historic properties, the park is proposed to treat the residence as a historic resource eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1,500 square foot wood-framed residence was built in 1965. The residence may be eligible under Criterion A as a property associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of

our history (e.g. history of development in the Wawona community). There are no known associations with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). The house is not considered architecturally distinctive nor the work of a master architect (Criterion C). The area has been subjected to controlled archeological surveys with negative findings. There is no evidence that the property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

**Cultural Landscapes Present:** No

**Ethnographic Resources Present:** No

**Ethnographic Resources Notes:** The park included description of the proposed undertaking on the November 2019 project spreadsheet (sent 11/26/2019), distributed monthly to traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups. The park requested the identification of any historic properties with religious and cultural significance that would be affected by the project within 30-days receipt of the spreadsheet as well as any comments or concerns regarding the undertaking .

**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
- Yes 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:

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[ X ] **106 Advisor**

**Name:** Kimball Koch

**Date:** 12/19/2019

*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

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**[ X ] Anthropologist**

**Name:** Scott Carpenter

**Date:** 12/11/2019

**Comments:** Project was included on the November 2019 project spreadsheet, no comments from the tribes were received.

*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

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**[ X ] Archeologist**

**Name:** Wesley Wills

**Date:** 12/08/2019

**Comments:** The project area was archeologically surveyed in 1974, 1984, and 2019, with archeological construction monitoring occurring adjacent to the project area in 1985. No archeological sites have been identified within or adjacent to the project area.

*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

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**[ X ] Historian**

**Name:** Scott Carpenter

**Date:** 12/11/2019

*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

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**[ X ] Historical Landscape Architect**

**Name:** Kimball Koch

**Date:** 12/02/2019

*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

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**No Reviews From:** Curator, Historical Architect, Other Advisor

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### **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. Undertaking Related to Park Specific or Another Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a park, region or statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or 36 CFR 800.14.

**D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process**

Process and documentation required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD to comply with Section 106 is in accord with 36 CFR 800.8.c.

**E. Memo to Project File**

#### **3. Consultation Information**

**SHPO Required:** No

**SHPO Sent:** Jan 23, 2020

**SHPO Received:** Feb 28, 2020

**THPO Required:** Yes

**THPO Sent:** Nov 26, 2019

**THPO Received:**

**SHPO/THPO Notes:** No comments or concerns received from tribes regarding this project. Project was included in the November 2019 tribal spreadsheet as an informational item.

**Advisory Council Participating:** No

**Advisory Council Notes:**

**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.)

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**6. Assessment of Effect Notes:**

**D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:**

**Compliance Specialist:**

**NHPA Specialist**

Madelyn Ruffner Madelyn Ruffner **Date:** March 23,2020

**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:** Cicely Muldoon, Acting Superintendent **Date:** March 23, 2020

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