



A PDF text file of the project's approved environmental compliance package containing the letter of compliance completion, categorical exclusion form, 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.

## Letter of Compliance Completion

**To:** Joshua Keyes Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

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

**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2021-105 Wawona Hotel Electrical Upgrade (60760)

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 project actions described in Planning and Environmental and Public Comment (PEPC) 60760 are approved for implementation. Modifications to plans or additional actions require additional review and approval from the Yosemite National Park Environmental Planning and Compliance Office.
- Wildlife Protections:
  - All project staff will follow posted park speed limits to avoid impacts to special status wildlife. All outdoor work will be completed during daylight hours.
  - All food and refuse will be stored in bear-proof receptacles, in accordance with park regulations.
  - Project shall comply with National Park Service (NPS) and park lighting guidelines to reduce impacts to the night sky and wildlife.
  - Ensure construction fencing allows for the safe passage of fishers and does not cause entrapment. All project staff will follow posted speed limits but will reduce their speed by an additional five mph during dawn and dusk.

- All project work will begin at least 30 minutes after dawn and end at least 30 minutes before dusk unless special permission is given by the Park Biologist. In the case night work is approved, all lighting will follow NPS lighting guidelines. This will reduce the likelihood of roadkill of fishers and reduce disturbance of fishers that are moving through their habitat.
- Protections for Historic and Archeological Properties:
  - Project designers are encouraged to conduct trenching along the exact route of existing buried electrical lines with no excavation to create a wider or deeper trench than what was originally excavated.
  - Excavation for other components of the project, including locations and extent of ground disturbance, will be addressed as design progresses. Coordination with Archeological staff will be on-going through design and construction.
  - Archeological monitoring is required. Please contact Wes Wills (209-379-1455), Park Archeologist, at least two weeks prior to work for guidance on hiring an appropriate archeological firm for the requirements of this work.
  - Monitoring by American Indian representatives is required. Please contact Liz Williams (209-379-1232), at least two weeks prior to work to coordinate.
  - If previously unknown archeological resources are discovered during construction, all work in the immediate vicinity (600 feet) of the discovery shall be halted until the resources are identified and documented and an appropriate mitigation strategy developed, if necessary, in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations, including the stipulations of the 2020 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement among the National Park Service (U.S. Department of the Interior), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the State Historic Preservation Officer.
  - The project states that some light fixtures will be replaced with nondescript utilitarian fixtures. These fixtures also should be compatible with historic character. Efforts to conceal wiring should be done in a manner that does not adversely affect historic fabric. Continue to consult with Don Faxon (570-982-0026), park historical architect through construction.
  - Repair in-kind any pathways that are disturbed by trenching.
- When trenching for utilities within the drip line of oak trees or any tree larger than 12 inches diameter, excavate carefully where tree roots might be encountered. Where roots 2 inches and larger are encountered, hand excavate as required to prevent damage to roots. Tunnel under roots to be saved, hand excavating as necessary. Do not cut roots over 2 inch-in-diameter without approval of Contracting Officer. Roots that are to be retained shall be covered with wet burlap until the excavation is backfilled. Cleanly saw-cut roots between 1 inch and 2 inch-in-diameter where they interfere with work; do not cut roots except as necessary. In advance of trenching, contact with NPS Vegetation staff (209-379-3296), who may provide a construction monitor.
- If imported fill is to be used, Vegetation staff must approve the source of aggregate and soil materials to ensure incoming material is weed free. Vegetation staff will either (1) provide a list of approved aggregate sources, (2) inspect the source of earth materials, or (3) provide mitigations or other guidance for approving the material. Please contact Garrett Dickman (209-379-3296), Park Botanist, at least two weeks in advance.
- All disturbed ground shall be reclaimed using appropriate best management practices, which may include planting or seeding with native vegetation, or, in the case of small treatment areas, allowing native vegetation to reclaim the area naturally. Project leader shall please contact Garrett Dickman (209-379-3296), Park Botanist, at least two weeks in advance to determine the best methods for restoration.
- Measures shall be taken to prevent the introduction of exotic species in the project area and staging areas. All earth moving equipment must enter Yosemite National Park (the park) free of dirt, dust, mud, seeds, or other potential contaminant. Examples of equipment that require inspection are excavators, skid steers, or boring equipment. Passenger vehicles do not need inspection but should be clean prior to entry in the park. Equipment exhibiting any dirt or other material attached to frame, tires, wheels, or other parts shall

be thoroughly cleaned by the Contractor before entering the park. Areas inspected shall include, but not be limited to, tracks, track guard/housings, belly pans/under covers, buckets, rippers, and other attachments. Equipment that does not pass inspection will be turned around to the nearest cleaning facility outside the park. The Contractor shall notify the Construction Manager at least two workdays (not including weekends) prior to bringing any equipment into Yosemite National Park (the park). Equipment found to have entered the park with potential contaminants will be removed from the park at the direction of the Contracting Officer at Contractor's sole expense. 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 1335. Please contact Garrett Dickman (209-379-3296), park botanist, at least two weeks in advance.

- Equipment and material staging and storage, as well as vehicle turnarounds, would be confined to designated areas that would include existing disturbed areas along park roadways and within parking areas for construction activities inside the park.
- Any park infrastructure impacted during construction, including but not limited to paved and unpaved roadways, walkways, turf, shall be restored to pre-construction conditions upon completion of the project.

Teri Austin for Cicely Muldoon

3/19/2021

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Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent

Date

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## Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

**Project:** Wawona Hotel Electrical Upgrade

**PEPC Project Number:** 60760

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

**JUSTIFICATION:** The electrical system at the Wawona Hotel does not meet fire and safety codes. This project consists of the replacement of the antiquated electrical system throughout the hotel, annex, and cottages.

**SCOPE:** The scope of the project consists of a complete upgrade of the electrical system including wiring, fixtures, panels, conduit, and luminaires. This project will also address the generator, the electrical system at the pool, and external safety lights and exit signs. Specifically, the project proposes the following activities:

- Replace all branch wiring and remove unused wiring. Remove surface mounted wiring and recess behind walls where possible. Consolidate wiring in conduit where possible.
- Replace all electrical outlet receptacles one-for-one with tamper proof and GFCI receptacles where required by code. Remove outlets that are mounted to the floor and pose a tripping hazard and relocate to nearby wall or replace with floor box, if accessible.
- Replace all panelboards and switchgear (specifically those that are more than 10 years old) and relocate panelboards that are not readily accessible.
- Replace feeders, conduits, distribution in the same locations as currently exists.
- Provide grounding electrode system at each building.
- Replace or refurbish luminaires that pose a safety concern.
- Modify fencing around main switchgear to meet clearance and working space requirements.
- Replace pool electrical equipment located in pit adjacent to pool.
- Replace plug-in bug-eye luminaires with egress lighting along egress pathways. Provide emergency lighting inverter at each building as backup source for egress lighting.
- Provide physical protection of generator's feeders and lugs, which are exposed. Temporary cables are being used for a permanent installation.
- Replace exit signs and smoke alarms for consistency.

**Mitigation(s):** See Letter of Compliance Completion Form for mitigations.

**CE Citation:** C.4 Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities and grounds under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or Cyclic Maintenance Guide; or if the action would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

**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.

Teri Austin for Cicely Muldoon

3/19/2021

Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent

Date

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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 longer applicable per the updated 2020 CEQ NEPA regulations and DOI direction.
<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:** Wawona Hotel Electrical Upgrade  
**PEPC Project Number:** 60760  
**Project Type:** Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Madera, California  
**Project Leader:** Joshua Keyes

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See Categorical Exclusion Form

### C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	None	
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	Potential	Issue: Introduction of invasive plants by heavy equipment. Equipment will be cleaned before entering park.  Impact: Inspections by park staff and cleaning prior to entering park should minimize this impact.
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat  <i>Fisher</i>	Potential	Issue: Federally listed fisher occurs in the general area. Noise generated from heavy equipment use may cause disturbance to this animal.  Impact: Follow resource protections to avoid impacts to the fisher.
Biological Vegetation	Potential	Issue: Excavated areas must be reseeded according to the accepted seed mix for the Wawona Hotel.  Impact: No potential for impact if seed mix follows guidance from park biologists.
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including	Potential	Issue: Wildlife, such as bears, may become food conditioned if they come in to contact with human foods and/or garbage.  Impact: Follow resource protections related to food/trash storage avoid.

terrestrial and aquatic species  Wildlife behavior, food conditioning		
<b>Cultural</b> Archeological Resources	Potential	Issue: Widening existing trenches and new trenching and ground disturbance in areas that have not been previously disturbed presents potential for impacts to the archeological resources.  Impact: Archeological staff has reviewed and provided input on the project design to minimize impacts to known archeological resources. Archeological monitoring is required.
<b>Cultural</b> Cultural Landscapes	Potential	Issue: Construction of new generator area and fencing for switch panels has potential to affect the historic cultural landscape of the national historic landmark.  Impact: Coordination with the regional historic landscape architect has confirmed that the back-of-house areas where new construction will occur are not primary historic spaces. This work will not affect the historic landscape.
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources	Potential	Issue: Prehistoric archeological resources are historic properties with religious and cultural significance may be affected by ground disturbance and construction activities.  Impact: Tribal monitoring is required for ground disturbing activities to address potential impacts to ethnographic resources.
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures	Potential	Issue: Replacing all wiring and some fixtures in the National Historic Landmark has potential to result in adverse effects to the building.  Impact: All work will follow treatment recommendations in the historic structure report and will rehabilitate the historic buildings resulting in a net positive benefit to the historic property. Consultation with the park historic architect will be on-going to address problem-solving during the construction phase of the project.
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
<b>Lightscapes</b>	Potential	Issue: Lighting in the project area shall be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, and that it meets park policy to protect the night sky.  Impact: Project shall comply with NPS and park lighting guidelines to reduce impacts to the night sky and wildlife. This will include, but is not limited to, low-level lighting, minimized glare, downward focused light

		fixtures, and energy efficient light sources such as low-pressure sodium lamps. The minimum required amount of new lighting shall be considered, and selected fixtures would meet criteria identified in the park's lighting policy. Exterior lighting will meet the requirements of the park lighting guidelines and will result in a reduction of light pollution resulting from the existing exterior lighting fixtures.
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	Potential	Issue: The existing wiring and electrical panels do not meet safety codes.  Impact: Upgrades to the electrical program will result in a net benefit to visitor and employee safety by reducing the risk of electrical fire. Upgrades will also provide adequate emergency lighting and a back-up generator resulting in further benefits to visitor and staff safety.
<b>Other</b> Operational	None	
<b>Other</b>	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b>	None	
<b>Soundscapes</b>	None	
<b>Viewsheds</b>	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b>	Potential	Issue: Closure of the Wawona Hotel will result in diminished opportunities for overnight lodging and dining.  Impact: The work will begin as soon as possible in the winter of 2021 and is planned for completion in time to take advantage of the late 2021 season. Impacts to visitors will be minimized to the extent possible. The project will ultimately benefit visitors to have a safe and properly lit accommodation.
<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>	None	



# ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

## A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

### 2. **Project Description:**

**Project Name:** Wawona Hotel Electrical Upgrade (YH 2020)

**Prepared by:** Erin Davenport    **Date Prepared:**    **Telephone:** (209) 379-1067

**PEPC Project Number:** 60760

**Locations:**

**County, State:** Madera, CA

**Describe project:**

See Categorical Exclusion Form

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

The area of potential effects (APE) for this undertaking includes the entirety of the Wawona Hotel buildings, the pool, the back-of-house loading dock, and the areas surrounding the buildings from which exterior lights can be seen. This area is bounded to the north by Forest Drive, to the west by the Wawona Hotel Entrance Road, to the south by Wawona Road, and to the east by the forest edge. Excavation would consist of approximately 400 linear feet of new trenching to a depth of 3 to 6-feet and 4-feet wide. A new 40-foot by 16-foot area will be graded for the switchboard behind the Main Building. Grounding plates will be installed at each building with a disturbance of 36"L x 36"W x 30"D (location is flexible). Approximately 300 linear feet of ground disturbance will occur in existing utility trenches between Moore Cottage, Clark Cottage, Washburn Cottage, Manager's Cottage, and the Annex to a depth of 3 to 6-feet and 4-feet wide. The above-ground APE consists of the fencing surrounding the main service area and generator which would be approximately 6-feet tall.

### 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:** Yes

**Property Name:** Wawona Archeological District    **LCS:**

**Archeological Resources Notes:** The project is within archeological site CA-MRP-0173/327/H, which encompasses most of the Wawona Hotel buildings and extends north to the South Fork of the Merced River.

**Historical Structures/Resources Present:** Yes

**Property Name:** Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark    **LCS:**

**Property Name:** Wawona Hotel and Pavilion Historic District    **LCS:**

**Cultural Landscapes Present:** Yes

**Property Name:** Wawona Hotel and Pavilion Historic District **LCS:**

**Ethnographic Resources Present:** Yes

**Property Name:** Wawona Archeological District **LCS:**

**5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)**

No	Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
Yes	Replace historic features/elements in kind
Yes	Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
Yes	Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)
Yes	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:** Hope Schear

**Date:** 03/05/2021

**Comments:** Compliance complete. SHPO response received 3/5/2021. Tribal monitoring has been requested by one tribe, please work with Park Tribal Liaison.

*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:** Please see specialists comments for detailed recommendations.

**Doc Method:** Standard 4-Step Process

**[ X ] Anthropologist**

**Name:** Liz Williams

**Date:** 01/20/2021

*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:** Per a letter dated January 5, 2021, the Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi Indians strongly recommended tribal monitoring for this project.

**Doc Method:** Standard 4-Step Process

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**[ X ] Archeologist**

**Name:** Wesley Wills

**Date:** 12/10/2020

**Comments:** The project area is within site CA-MRP-0173/327/H, which is a contributing element of the Wawona Archeological District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ground disturbance would occur in areas where prehistoric and historic-era archeological materials have been identified through extensive previous surface surveys, subsurface surveys, test excavations, and construction monitoring projects. Associated materials include flaked stone debitage and tools, ground stone, midden soils, historical refuse, and structural debris. Project designers are encouraged to conduct trenching along the exact route of existing buried electrical lines with no excavation to create a wider or deeper trench than what was originally excavated. Extensive subsurface archeological data in the area indicate that as long as the extent of trenching along these lines can remain in previously disturbed and archeologically sampled soils that work in these locations will not require additional controlled archeological work and can instead be addressed through construction monitoring.

Excavation for other components of the project, including locations and extent of ground disturbance, will be addressed as design progresses. Coordination with archeological staff will be on-going through design and construction.

*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:** Elaine Jackson-Retondo

**Date:** 02/03/2021

**Comments:** See comments from Anthropologist and Archaeologists regarding ground disturbance and monitoring.

*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:** The project states that some light fixtures will be replaced with nondescript utilitarian fixtures. These fixtures also should be compatible with historic character. Efforts to conceal wiring should be done in a manner that does not adversely affect historic fabric.

**Doc Method:** Standard 4-Step Process

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**[ X ] Historical Architect**

**Name:** Sueann Brown

**Date:** 02/03/2021

**Comments:** At this early stage in the design process the project appears to be on track to result in no adverse effect.

**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:** Continue to consult with regional historical architect as design progresses.

**Doc Method:** Standard 4-Step Process

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[  ] **Historical Landscape Architect**

**Name:** Vida Germano

**Date:** 02/03/2021

**Comments:** This project will have no adverse effect on the cultural landscape. According to the CLR, the trees that may need to be removed by the project are non-contributing and are not identified as part of the historic character of the cultural landscape. The proposed exterior lighting is compatible with the historic character of the cultural landscape.

**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:** Repair in-kind any pathways that are disturbed by trenching.

**Doc Method:** Standard 4-Step Process

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**No Reviews From:** Curator, 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
X	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:** Yes

**SHPO Sent:** Feb 4, 2021

**SHPO Received:** Mar 5, 2021

**THPO Required:** Yes

**THPO Sent:** December, 2020

**THPO Received:** January 5, 2021

**SHPO/THPO Notes:**

**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.)

**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:

- Archeological monitoring required. Please contact Wes Wills, park archeologist, for guidance on hiring an appropriate archeological firm for the requirements of this work.
- Monitoring by American Indian representatives is required.
- If previously unknown archeological resources are discovered during construction, all work in the immediate vicinity (600 feet) of the discovery shall be halted until the resources are identified and documented and an appropriate mitigation strategy developed, if necessary, in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations, including the stipulations of the 2020 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service (U.S. Department of the Interior), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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

Hope Schear

3/12/2021

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Hope Schear, 106 Coordinator

Date

**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.

Teri Austin for Cicely Muldoon

3/19/2021

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Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent

Date

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## Other Compliance/Consultations Form

**Park Name:** Yosemite National Park  
**PEPC Project Number:** 60760  
**Project Title:** Wawona Hotel Electrical Upgrade (YH 2020)  
**Project Type:** Other Maintenance Activities: Electrical Upgrade  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Madera, CA  
**Project Leader:** Joshua Keyes

### ESA

**Any Federal Species in the project Area?** Yes

**If species in area:** No Effect

**Was Biological Assessment prepared?**

**If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred?**

**Formal Consultation required?** No

**Formal Consultation Notes:**

Fisher occur near the project area. We have a Biological Opinion in place with USFWS (attached). This project will have no effect on fisher as long as mitigations are followed. Any noise from the project will have a negligible effect on denning fisher. The project occurs near a highway and in the footprint of a developed area, the fishers that use this area are likely conditioned to a moderate level of noise.

Considering the location of the work and the ambient noise already in the town center of Wawona that this project wouldn't be any addition disturbance to Great Grey Owls or fishers.

**Formal Consultation Concluded:**

**Any State listed Species in the Project Area?**

**Consultation Information:**

**General Notes:**

**Data Entered By:** Heather Mackey **Date:** Mar 9, 2021

### ESA Mitigations

- All project staff will follow posted park speed limits to avoid impacts to special status wildlife. All outdoor work will be completed during daylight hours.
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#### Floodplains/Wetlands/§404 Permits

Question	Yes	No	Details
<b>A.1. Is project in 100- or 500-year floodplain or flash flood hazard area?</b>		No	Not in floodplain or flash flood hazard area.
<b>A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by NPS/DOI?</b>		No	Not in wetland as defined by NPS/DOI.
<b>B. COE Section 404 permit needed?</b>		No	No placement of fill in waters of the United States.
<b>C. State 401 certification?</b>		No	
<b>D. State Section 401 Permit?</b>		No	<b>Issue Date:</b> <b>Expiration Date:</b>
<b>E. Tribal Water Quality Permit?</b>		No	
<b>F. CZM Consistency determination needed?</b>		No	<b>Date Review Requested:</b> <b>Date Reply Received:</b> <b>Date State Concurred:</b>
<b>G. Erosion &amp; Sediment Control Plan Required?</b>		No	
<b>H. Any other permits required?</b>		No	<b>Permit Information:</b>
<b>Other Information:</b>			

Data Entered By: Erin Davenport

Date: 3/9/2021

#### Flood Plains & Wetlands Mitigations

*No Flood Plains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.*

#### Wilderness

Question	Yes	No	
<b>A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?</b>		No	
<b>B. Is the only place to conduct this project in wilderness?</b>		No	
<b>C. Is the project necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness?</b>		No	
<b>D. Would the project or any of its alternatives adversely affect (directly or indirectly) Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study,</b>		No	

<b>Eligible, or Potential Wilderness? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)</b>			
<b>E. Does the project or any of its alternatives involve the use of any of the Wilderness Act Section 4(c) prohibited uses: commercial enterprise, permanent road, temporary road, motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats, landing of aircraft, mechanical transport, structure, or installation? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)</b>		No	
<b>If the answer to D or E above is "Yes" then a Minimum Requirements Analysis is required. Describe the status of this analysis in the column to the right.</b>			<b>Initiation Date: Completed Date: Approved Date:</b>
<b>Other Information:</b>			

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**Other Permits/Laws** *Questions A & B are no longer used.*

<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>C. Wild and scenic river concerns exist?</b>		No
<b>D. National Trails concerns exist?</b>		No
<b>E. Air Quality consult with State needed?</b>		No
<b>F. Consistent with Architectural Barriers, Rehabilitation, and Americans with Disabilities Acts or not Applicable? (If N/A check Yes)</b>		No
<b>G. Other:</b>		

**Other Information:**

The project is located adjacent to the South Fork Merced, a segment included in the Merced Wild and Scenic River corridor. There are no actions that would affect or contradict actions or management targets included in the 2014 Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan.

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