



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.

## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** Remodel and Expand Yosemite's Dispatch Facility

**PEPC Project Number:** 80903

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

The park dispatch office serves as the emergency response and operational communications call center for Yosemite, as well as Devils Postpile National Monument and Lassen National Park. Yosemite's dispatch center will soon be expanding their services to include Santa Monica Mountains National Park (SAMO). The existing facility is undersized at 1,360 square feet. The dispatch office requires additional space to effectively handle current functions as well as those required to provide dispatch for SAMO. The remodel would increase the number of work stations, provide an additional restroom, and provide a dedicated outdoor break space for dispatchers. This project will better utilize the existing dispatch office footprint and expand into an underutilized lobby area allowing for two additional dispatching stations (total of 6) and office space for the manager and two lead dispatchers. This improved layout will separate the expanded dispatch office from the daily operations area allowing for better access to bathroom and kitchen areas while employees are working alone and cannot leave the 9-1-1 and radio station. Heating and cooling systems as well as flooring and wall coverings will be updated. New light fixtures and window coverings, as well as a whole office Uninterrupted Power Supply, will be added.

The project will result in the remodeling of the existing entrance lobby. The new space would accommodate the expansion of the existing dispatch facility that is currently located adjacent to the lobby. To create the new office, the park would close off a portion of the lobby by constructing two new walls that would separate the new dispatch office area from the existing building entrance, stairs, and elevator that serves the rest of the building. The new dispatch offices would include the addition of up to six work stations, upgrades to the heating/cooling systems, and the installation of additional electrical and communications services. The existing door to the northwest side of the building lobby would be removed and refinished as a solid exterior wall to provide the necessary security for the dispatch offices.

A fenced outdoor area for dispatch employees would be added to the exterior of the building. The proposed outdoor area is approximately 1,605 square feet and would be located southeast of the alcove and would be fenced to provide a secure break space for dispatch employees. Security standards require the facility to have two lockable entry ways into a secured dispatch facility. The outdoor area would be fenced, requiring the installation of approximately 85 linear feet of new fencing that will match the existing 8' tall steel bar fencing and will form the eastern boundary. The park will install roughly thirteen posts (3 inches by 3 inches each) spaced 6 to 8 feet apart. A gate with an electronic security card reader will be installed and may require some shallow trenching within previously disturbed soils to install electrical conduit (exact location not known at this time). No additional paving will be necessary. The existing outdoor area has a seasonal lawn (no irrigation) which would be landscaped to provide privacy and shade and will require irrigation.

An NPS employee meeting held 4/3/19 briefed individuals that work in the complex on disruptions they can expect during construction (noise, temporary change in egress from the internal stairs to the external stairs while the existing stairwell is reconfigured, an addition of a fenced in area outside to provide privacy and double door barrier into the Dispatch facility). No complaints were made at the meeting and all questions were addressed. Updates on the project will be sent out to all employees via email as work begins. Concerns about reducing the number of doors that lead out from the building entrance area have been reviewed and the proposed layout meets fire egress requirements as reviewed by the Park's Fire Marshal.

**Mitigation(s):**

See Letter of Compliance Completion for mitigation list.

**CE Citation:** C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

**CE Justification:** There will be minor to no environmental impacts from the addition of an outdoor fenced, secure area for the park dispatch program (includes minor trenching for entry card reader and landscaping/irrigation); all other work is interior to building.

**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.

**Signature Superintendent:** Michael T. Reynolds      **Date:** 11/4/2019  
Michael T. Reynolds

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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 13007)?  | 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

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Project Title:</b>       | Remodel and Expand Yosemite's Dispatch Facility                               |
| <b>PEPC Project Number:</b> | 80903   |
| <b>Project Type:</b>        | Construction Permit (CONP)  |
| <b>Project Location:</b>    |   |
| <b>County, State:</b>       | Mariposa, California <b>District, Section:</b> El Portal, Maintenance Complex |
| <b>Project Leader:</b>      | Ansley Singer   |

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See Categorical Exclusion form.

### C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

| Resource   | Potential for Impact | Potential Issues & Impacts   |
|--|----------------------|--|
| <b>Air</b><br>Air Quality  | None                 |  |
| <b>Biological</b><br>Nonnative or Exotic Species   | None                 |  |
| <b>Biological</b><br>Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat   | None                 |  |
| <b>Biological</b><br>Vegetation  | None                 |  |
| <b>Biological</b><br>Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species<br><i>Wildlife</i> | Potential            | Issue: Proper food/trash storage and disposal is required to preserve natural behavior in wildlife. Contractors traveling through the park place wildlife at risk for vehicle strikes.<br><br>Impact: Follow resource protections outlined in mitigations. |
| <b>Cultural</b><br>Archeological Resources<br><i>Archeological site</i>  | Potential            | Issue: Project is located in archeological site contributing to the El Portal Archeological District.<br><br>Impact: Follow archeological resource protections outlined in mitigations.  |
| <b>Cultural</b><br>Cultural Landscapes   | None                 |  |

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| <b>Cultural</b><br>Ethnographic Resources<br><i>Ethnographic site</i>                       |           | Issue: Project site is located in ethnographic site.<br><br>Impact: Follow resource protections outlined in mitigations.   |
| <b>Cultural</b><br>Museum Collections   | None      |  |
| <b>Cultural</b><br>Prehistoric/historic structures  | None      |  |
| <b>Geological</b><br>Geologic Features  | None      |  |
| <b>Geological</b><br>Geologic Processes   | None      |  |
| <b>Lightscares</b><br>Lightscares   | None      |  |
| <b>Other</b><br>Human Health and Safety<br><i>Dispatch Capacity</i>                         | Potential | Issue: Functionality and capacity of the park dispatch office.<br><br>Impact: Positive impact on park dispatch capabilities to better serve the human safety and health. |
| <b>Other</b><br>Operational<br><i>Park Dispatch Operations</i>                              | Potential | Issue: Functionality and capacity of the park dispatch office.<br><br>Impact: Positive impact on park dispatch operations.   |
| <b>Other</b><br>Other   | None      |  |
| <b>Socioeconomic</b><br>Land Use  | None      |  |
| <b>Socioeconomic</b><br>Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc. | None      |  |
| <b>Socioeconomic</b><br>Socioeconomic   | None      |  |
| <b>Soundscapes</b><br>Soundscapes   | None      |  |
| <b>Viewsheds</b><br>Viewsheds   | None      |  |
| <b>Visitor Use and Experience</b><br>Recreation Resources                                   | None      |  |
| <b>Visitor Use and Experience</b><br>Visitor Use and Experience                             | None      |  |

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| <b>Water</b><br>Floodplains                   | None |  |
| <b>Water</b><br>Marine or Estuarine Resources | None |  |
| <b>Water</b><br>Water Quality or Quantity     | None |  |
| <b>Water</b><br>Wetlands                      | None |  |
| <b>Water</b><br>Wild and Scenic River         | None |  |
| <b>Wilderness</b><br>Wilderness               | None |  |