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Yosemite National Park
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Memorandum

To: Bill Rust

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and Section 106 Clearance: 2006-082 DNC Stables, Relocate Recycle Bins (Y4-0608) (16379)

The Management Team has reviewed the proposed project/action and completed its environmental assessment documentation, and we have determined that there:

- Will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- Will not be any effect on historical, cultural, or archeological resources.
- Will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and Section 106 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.

//R. Kevin Cann// acting
Michael J. Tollefson

Enclosure (with attachments)
cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2006-082 DNC Stables, Relocate Recycle Bins (Y4-0608)

PIN: 16379

Date: June 25, 2008

Project Description: This proposal is to change the location of the metals recycling and debris boxes from the west end of the Yosemite Lodge (former Yosemite Lodge Annex employee housing area) to the Delaware North stables west parking lot. At this site, we propose to construct a 30' x 36' fenced area using a 10' high wooden fence with metal posts and rails for structural support. The fence will have a gate that can be locked on the east side to minimize unauthorized use or trash dumping by campground visitors. The fence will be stained brown to blend in with the surrounding area to meet the Design Guidelines for Yosemite Valley and the recommendations of the park Historical Architect, Sueann Brown. The bins will be used to collect metal for recycling and non-food debris. The fence will be constructed using the design that was prepared by the park History, Architecture, and Landscapes branch. The park Archeologist stated that there are no archeology sites documented at the proposed site.

Project Location:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigation(s):

- No mitigations identified.

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

C.18. Installation of fencing enclosures, exclosures, or boundary fencing posing no effect on wildlife migrations.

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

//R. Kevin Cann// acting
Park Superintendent

07/03/2008
Date

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF) DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Updated May 2007 - per 2004 DM revisions and proposed DO-12 changes

Today's Date: **June 25, 2008**

Date Form Initiated: **06/10/2008**

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: **Yosemite NP**

Project Title: **DNC Stables, Relocate Recycle Bins (Y4-0608)**

PEPC Project Number: **16379**

Project Type: **Environmental Management System (EMS)**

Project Location: County, State: **Mariposa, California** Other: **Curry Village Stables**

Project Leader: **Bill Rust**

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Preliminary drawings attached? **Yes**

Is project a hot topic (controversial or sensitive issues that should be brought to attention of Regional Director)? **No**

C. RESOURCE EFFECTS TO CONSIDER:

Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	No Effect	Negligible Effects	Minor Effects	Exceeds Minor Effects	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Geologic resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.		X			Fence posts will be buried in holes 1' x 1' x 3' deep, every 8'.
2. From geohazards	X				
3. Air quality	X				
4. Soundscapes		X			The drop boxes will be picked up during normal business hours, which are 8 am - 5 pm.
5. Water quality or quantity	X				
6. Streamflow characteristics	X				
7. Marine or estuarine resources	X				
8. Floodplains or wetlands	X				
9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	X				
10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine	X				
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat	X				
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites		X			Yosemite National Park is a World Heritage site; no historic properties would be adversely affected by implementing this project.
13. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat	X				
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat	X				
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)	X				
16. Recreation resources,	X				

including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.					
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	X				
18. Archeological resources		X			Yosemite Valley Archeological District; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
19. Prehistoric/historic structure	X				
20. Cultural landscapes		X			Yosemite Valley Historic District; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
21. Ethnographic resources	X				
22. Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)	X				
23. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X				
24. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	X				
25. Energy resources	X				
26. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	X				
27. Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability	X				
28. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.	X				
29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	X				
30. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	X				

Comments:

D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X		
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?		X		
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?		X		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X		
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X		
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X		
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?		X		
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?		X		
I. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X		
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority		X		

populations (Executive Order 12898)?				
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		X		
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)?		X		

For the purpose of interpreting these procedures within the NPS, any action that has the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values would constitute an action that triggers the DOI exception for actions that threaten to violate a federal law for protection of the environment.

E. OTHER INFORMATION

Are personnel preparing this form familiar with the site? **Yes**

Did personnel conduct a site visit? **History, Architecture, and Landscapes staff.**

Is the project in an approved plan such as a General Management Plan or an Implementation Plan with an accompanying NEPA document? **No**

Are there any interested or affected agencies or parties? **No**

Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? **No**

Are there any connected, cumulative, or similar actions as part of the proposed action? (e.g., other development projects in area or identified in GMP, adequate/available utilities to accomplish project)? **No**

F. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES

<u>Interdisciplinary Team</u>	<u>Field of Expertise</u>
Michael Tollefson	Superintendent
Kevin Cann	Deputy Superintendent
Linda Dahl	Chief of Planning
Bill Delaney	Chief of Project Management
Larry Harris	Chief of Administration Management
Dennis Mattiuzzi	Chief of Maintenance
Niki Nicholas	Chief of Resources Management & Science
Marty Nielson	Chief of Business and Revenue Management
Chris Stein	Chief of Interpretation and Education
Steve Shackelton	Chief Ranger
Bill Rust	Project Leader
Mark Butler	Environmental Planning and Compliance
	Program Manager
Jeannette Simons	NHPA Specialist
Renea Kenec	NEPA Specialist

G. SUPERVISORY SIGNATORY

Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance file and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for this stage of the subject project is complete.

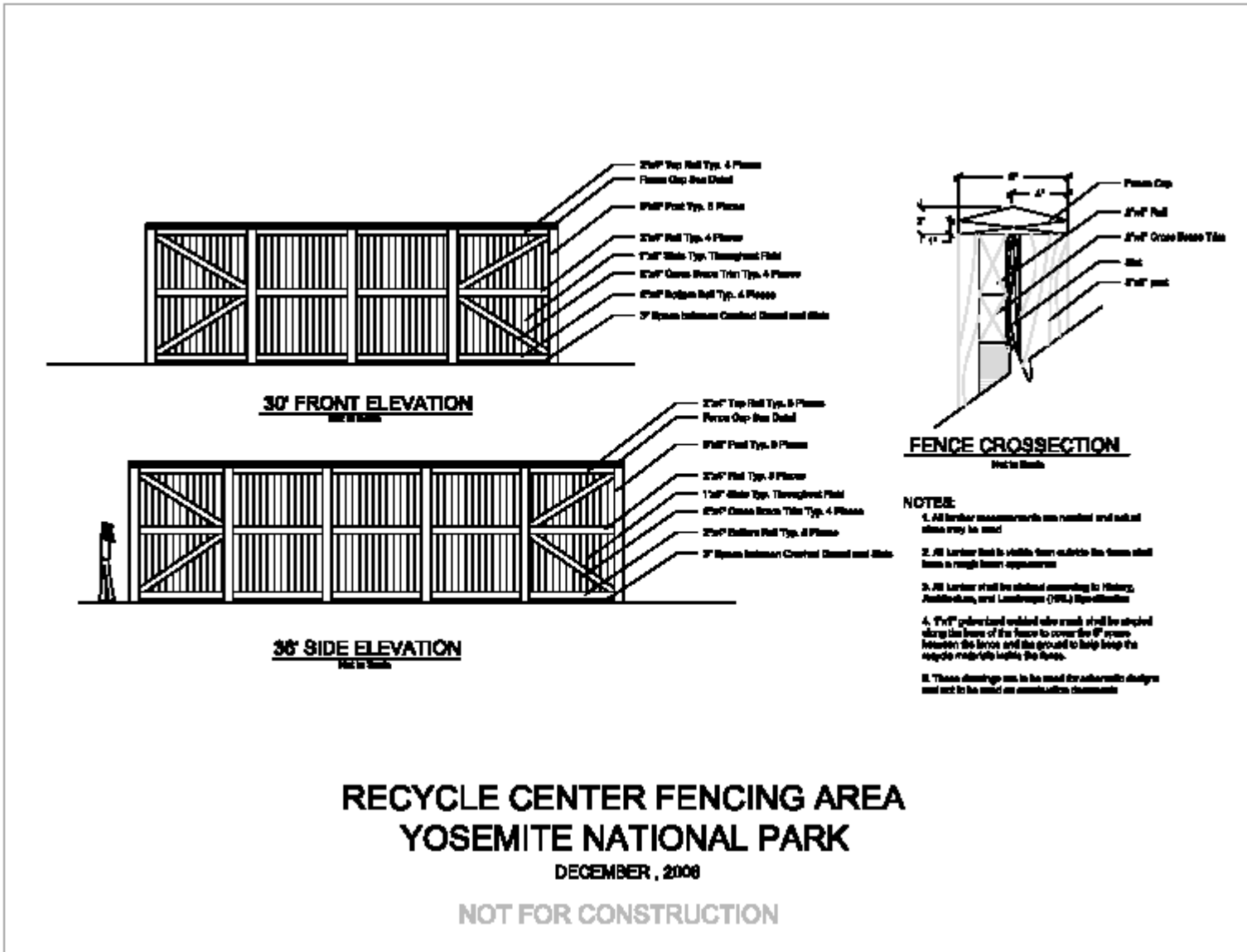
Recommended:

Compliance Specialist	Date
<u>//Renea Kennec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u>06/26/2008</u>
<u>//Mark A. Butler//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Mark Butler	<u>06/26/2008</u>
<u>//Bill Delaney</u> Chief, Project Management – Bill Delaney	<u>06/30/2008</u>

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
<u>//R. Kevin Cann// acting</u> Michael Tollefson	<u>07/03/2008</u>

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Proposed location - DNC Stables Relocate Recycle Bins

PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: **June 25, 2008**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP

Project Number: 16379

Project Type: Environmental Management System (EMS)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California Other: Curry Village Stables

Project Leader: Bill Rust

Project Title: DNC Stables, Relocate Recycle Bins (Y4-0608)

PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST				
2. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		X		
3. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		X		
4. Park rare plants or vegetation?		X		
5. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		X		
6.NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST				
7. Entail ground disturbance?	X			Fence posts will be buried in holes 1' x 1' x 3' deep, every 8'.
8. Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?		X		No archeological sites documented in this location.
9. Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?	X			Yosemite Valley Historic District; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
10. Has a National Register form been completed?		X		
11. Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?		X		
12.WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST				
13. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? (Name the river corridor)	X			Merced River.
14. Fall within the bed and banks AND will effect the free-flow of the river?		X		
15. Have the possibility of affecting water quality of the area?		X		
16. Remain consistent with its river segment			X	

classification?				
17. Protect and enhance river ORVs?			X	
18. Fall within the River Protection Overlay?			X	
19. If Yes, remain consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?			X	
20. Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?			X	
21. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		X		
22. Will the project encroach or intrude upon the Wild and Scenic River corridor?		X		
23. Will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?			X	
100. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST				
101. Within designated Wilderness?		X		
102. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		X		



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ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Park: Yosemite NP Park District: Yosemite Valley

2. **Project Description:**

a. Project Name: 2006-082 DNC Stables, Relocate Recycle Bins (Y4-0608) Date: June 19, 2008 Park Project Number: 16379

b. Describe project and area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.2[c]).

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3. Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify cultural resources?

No

Yes Source or reference Yosemite Valley Archeological District Yosemite Valley Historic District

Check here if no known cultural resources will be affected. (If this is because area has been disturbed, please explain or attach additional information to show the disturbance was so extensive as to preclude intact cultural deposits.)

4. Potentially Affected Resource(s):

Cultural landscapes affected?

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Historic District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

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
 No 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
 No 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. 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

7. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

- 8. Attachments:** [] Maps [] Archeological survey, if applicable [] Drawings [] Specifications
[] Photographs [] Scope of Work [] Site plan [] List of Materials [] Samples
[] Other _____

Prepared by: Jeannette Simons Date: 6/20/08

Title: Historic Preservation Officer Telephone: 209-379-1372

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisers as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

[X] ARCHEOLOGIST

Name: Laura Kirn

Date: 02/20/2008

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: No Historic Properties Affected No Adverse Effect Adverse Effect
 Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[] CURATOR

Name:

Date:

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: _____ No Historic Properties Affected _____ No Adverse Effect _____ Adverse Effect _____ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[] ANTHROPOLOGIST

Name:

Date:

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: _____ No Historic Properties Affected _____ No Adverse Effect _____ Adverse Effect _____ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[] HISTORIAN

Name:

Date:

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: _____ No Historic Properties Affected _____ No Adverse Effect _____ Adverse Effect _____ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] HISTORICAL ARCHITECT

Name: Sueann Brown

Date: 06/09/2008

Comments: none

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: __ No Historic Properties Affected x No Adverse Effect __ Adverse Effect __ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

None

[X] HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Name: David Humphrey

Date: 06/09/2008

Comments: None.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ___ No Historic Properties Affected x No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect
___ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

None.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS

Review by specialists: The appropriate subject-matter experts have reviewed the project and entered their comments and recommendations above.

The comments and recommendations for the proposed action are consistent with all applicable NPS management policies, standards, guidelines, or US DOI standards and guidelines, Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, or others, and incorporates measures to avoid Adverse Effects.

Reviewed and Accepted by:

Signature: //Niki S. Nicholas// **Date:** 06/23/2008
Chief of Resources Management & Science Division

[] 106 ADVISOR

Name:

Date:

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: _____ No Historic Properties Affected _____ No Adverse Effect _____ Adverse Effect _____ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

_____ No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect _____ Adverse Effect

2. Compliance requirements:

[] A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

B. PROGRAMMATIC EXCLUSION UNDER THE 1995 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV of the 1995 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE EXCLUSION: Exclusion IV.B
(Specify 1-13 or IV.C addition to the list of exclusions.)

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 1995 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.

Specify: 1999 PA

E. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED BY USE OF NEPA

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

F. STIPULATIONS/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.

Signature of Historic Preservation Officer: //Jeannette Simons//

Date 06/25/2008

D. 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.

Signature of Superintendent //R. Kevin Cann// acting

Date 07/03/2008

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