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## Letter of Compliance Completion

**To:** Brad Lewis, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

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

**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: Merced River Plan Implementation: Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Phase II (PEPC: 98434)

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 98434.

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 are detailed in the Merced River Plan Volume 3A, Appendix C. Specifically relevant mitigations measures include:

Cultural Resources:

- 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.
- Equipment and materials staging areas will avoid known archeological resources.
- Archeological monitoring required during tree removal and grading for installation of the parking lot [REDACTED] though other areas of ground disturbance would also be assessed by an archeologist on an intermittent basis. The work would begin by educating construction crew members on the cultural sensitivity of the materials, how to identify common artifact types anticipated in the project area, and how to document and protect any unanticipated significant deposits [REDACTED]

- All workers will be informed of the criminal penalties for illegally collecting artifacts or intentionally damaging any archeological or historic property. Workers will also be informed of the correct procedures should previously unknown resources be uncovered during construction activities. Data recovery excavations will be carried out under NPS guidance to mitigate adverse effects as outlined in the section on environmental consequences.

#### Vegetation and Ecological Restoration:

- Show wetland avoidance areas on design and construction drawings.
- Survey for and control invasive non-native vegetation from two years prior to project activities through at least one year after project activities, or through duration of project funding.
- Vegetation staff must approve the source of aggregate and earth 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.
- To avoid introduction of non-native, invasive plant species into the park, erosion control materials must be seed-free. Best materials are jute, coconut fiber, and wood excelsior. Avoid all straw materials and plastic netting.
- All earth moving equipment shall be pressure-washed prior to entering the park and shall be clean of any soil, plant matter, or other materials. To arrange equipment inspection prior to entry into the park, call Vegetation branch at least one week in advance for notification and two business days in advance to arrange exact time and place for inspection.
- Consult with Vegetation staff during project design to minimize tree removal and retain highest value trees.

*Comment:* Consider consulting with park forester on whether large ponderosa pines should be saved or removed, since they have had high mortality rate in adjacent parking lot projects.

- Use the following measures to protect roots of trees to remain:
  - Adjust trenches and other excavations to keep them beyond the drip line wherever possible.
  - If trenching is necessary within drip line of any size oak tree or other trees larger than 12 inches diameter, use equipment that allows the operator to detect the presence of tree roots prior to damaging them. When a root is detected, hand-excavate 2 feet around the root to reveal its full extent prior to resuming excavation with equipment. Tunnel under and retain live roots 2 inches diameter or larger. 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 burlaps until the excavation is backfilled. Roots between 1 inches and 2 inches diameter will be given a clean straight cut on the exposed end with a saw prior to backfilling.
  - Do not drive within drip lines unless work cannot otherwise be reasonably done. If unavoidable, use protective measures, like mats or plywood to prevent soil compaction. A park Vegetation Construction Monitor may be required to ensure successful implementation of this mitigation.
- Map or identify on project drawings trees and sensitive plants to remain. Provide temporary barriers, flagging, or other marking as appropriate to protect existing trees, plants, and root zones.
- Do not cut black oak trees without consulting with park Vegetation staff and park Tribal liaison.
- Carefully supervise construction operations near trees and vegetation to prevent damage. A park Vegetation Construction Monitor may be required to ensure successful implementation of this mitigation.
- Where surface soils must be disturbed and soils support native vegetation, existing topsoil and organic duff shall be salvaged prior to disturbance, stored appropriately, and replaced after construction in the order removed (with topsoil then duff on top) to allow natural plant recolonization. Additional plant or sod salvage and replacement may be required in meadows or for certain species. A park Vegetation Construction Monitor may be required to ensure successful implementation of this mitigation. Consult with vegetation staff for detailed specifications

*Comment:* Soil and plant salvage is important where parking lot is expanding west beyond the footprint of the existing disturbance. Both soils and herbaceous plants should be salvaged.

- Use barriers, fencing, or other means to maintain tight work limits and protect adjacent soils and vegetation from disturbance.
- Include Yosemite standard Division 1 specifications for Natural and Cultural Resource Protection in construction contract. Design and construction documents shall be reviewed by Natural and Cultural Resource staff.
- Areas of disturbed soil requiring revegetation must use site-specific native materials and seed approved by the park biologist. Project leader shall consult with the Vegetation Branch early in project conception to plan for revegetation design, seed collection, plant and seed production in advance of construction, planting, and post-planting care after construction. No commercial seed or plants may be used without approval by park vegetation botanist.

#### Wildlife:

- If trees are proposed to be removed March 1- August 15, a NPS biologist will conduct nest surveys for migratory birds. If a nest is found, a buffer will be applied around the nest tree through the fledging period.
- Bears may be present at any location within the YNP boundaries, including at the project site. The Contractor shall incorporate the following precautions in all activities within the YNP boundary.
  - All food, toiletries, and scented items (i.e., bug spray) shall be placed in bear boxes at the construction site provided by the Contractor. Bear boxes must remain closed and latched at all times, unless items are being retrieved. No food, toiletries, or scented items shall be stored in vehicles or left out.
  - All food waste and food-related waste shall be disposed of in accordance with Non-Hazardous Solid Wastes requirements described elsewhere within this section.
  - All vehicles shall be checked daily to ensure that no items that may attract bears remain inside an unattended vehicle. Items that shall not be left in vehicles include canned food, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, domestic trash, recyclable food containers, ice chests, grocery bags, and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.
  - All windows and doors in recreational vehicles or trailers used for lodging or office space shall be closed and latched when not occupied.
  - The Contractor shall walk the job site at the end of each day and check for trash, food, and food-related items remaining at the site and dispose of the items in a bear-proof receptacle. • Proper food storage is important to the welfare of the Yosemite bear population and is required by law. The Contractor shall receive, and all Contractor personnel shall read a brochure entitled, The Bears are not to Blame, provided by NPS staff as a courtesy. Contractor staff shall call the Save-a-Bear hotline (209) 372-0322 to report overflowing trash containers, improperly stored food, or bear sightings.
- The Contractor and Contractor's employees shall not feed any animals within Yosemite National Park.
- The Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts in accordance with the plans and specifications for the protection of threatened or endangered or candidate species including their habitat in accordance with Federal, State, Regional, and local laws and regulations. Contractor shall schedule construction activities with seasonal consideration of wildlife lifecycles to minimize impacts during sensitive periods (i.e., after bird nesting seasons, when bats are neither hibernating nor have young, etc); limit the effects of light and noise on adjacent habitat through controls on construction equipment; and provide adequate education and enforcement to limit construction worker activities that are destructive to wildlife and habitats.
- Contractor shall maintain routes of escape from excavated pits and trenches for animals that might fall in. During construction activities, Contractor personnel shall maintain vigilance for animals caught in excavations and take appropriate action to free them.
  - Excavation pits shall have a ramp or incline at either end to allow for human and wildlife escape.
  - Each morning prior to commencing work activities, Contractor shall inspect construction site for trapped wildlife in excavation pits and carefully remove. If necessary, contact the Contracting Officer for assistance.

- The project site will be surveyed for California Red-legged Frogs by a NPS biologist prior to construction activities beginning.

**Superintendent Signature:** Cicely Muldoon **Date:** July 27, 2021

*The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in Yosemite National Park.*



## Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

**Project:** Merced River Plan Implementation: Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Phase II

**PEPC Project Number:** 98434

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

This project was selected for implementation in the 2014 Record of Decision for the Merced River Plan/EIS (MRP) (PEPC 18982). This project must adhere to mitigation and stipulations in the Final EIS/Record of Decision, the MRP programmatic agreement, the CA Red-legged Frog Biological Opinion, and permit requirements. This project was categorized as a Category 2 project in the MRP programmatic agreement.

The Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Phase II project will construct approximately 166 new visitor parking stalls and formalize 61 parking stalls between the Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking at Camp 6 and the Village Store parking area, east of the proposed Welcome Center. This is the second phase of a Merced River Plan project to add approximately 700 visitor parking spaces in the Yosemite Village area. The first phase constructed the Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking at Camp 6 (completed).

Work will primarily take place in existing paved areas, though additional parking stalls will be added in the footprint and vicinity of the former Concessioner's General Office building (attachment 2: APE map).

A paved road connecting the Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking at Camp 6 and the Yosemite Village North Parking Area would be constructed approximately 100 feet west of the existing roundabout on Northside Drive.

Ground disturbance would include grading and paving for installation of the parking lot and the connector road. The connector road would cross a modern drainage ditch that channels water through the area away from the roads and parking lots. A new culvert will be installed under the proposed road to allow the water to continue to flow through the area and not flood adjacent facilities.

See Letter of Compliance Completion Form for mitigations.

**CE Citation:** A.1 Changes or amendments to an approved action when such changes would cause no or only minimal environmental impact.

**CE Justification:**

**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.

**Superintendent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cicely Muldoon **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ July 27, 2021

**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
<b>A.</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	None
<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	None
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	None
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	None
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	None
<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	None
<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	None
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	None
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	None
<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	None
<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	None



## ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

**Project Title:** Merced River Plan Implementation: Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Phase II

**PEPC Project Number:** 98434

**Project Type:** Reconstruction (REC)

**Project Location:**

**County, State:** Mariposa, CA

**Project Leader:** Brad Lewis

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See Categorical Exclusion form.

### C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<b>Air</b> Air Quality <i>Air Quality</i>	Potential	Issue: Potential short-term impacts to air quality during construction.  Impact: Contract specs will include measures for dust abatement.
<b>Biological</b> Nonnative or Exotic Species <i>Invasive plants</i>	Potential	Issue: Ground disturbing activities and use of heavy equipment from outside sources could encourage invasive plant introduction  Impact: Contract specs will include measures for vehicle inspections.
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat <i>California red-legged frog</i>		Issue: The California red-legged frog is known to inhabit areas near the project area.  Impact: A Biological Opinion is in place to protect the California red-legged frog in Yosemite Valley and the project manager will ensure adherence to conservation measures, including a pre-project survey if biologists deem it to be necessary.

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<b>Biological Vegetation</b>	Potential	<p>Issue: Invasive plants, sensitive plants, trees, topsoil, other soil disturbances.</p> <p>Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map or identify on project drawings trees and sensitive plants to remain.</li> <li>• Vegetation staff must approve the source of aggregate and earth materials to ensure incoming material is weed free.</li> <li>• To avoid introduction of non-native, invasive plant species into the park, erosion control materials must be seed-free.</li> <li>• All earth moving equipment shall be pressure-washed prior to entering the park and shall be clean of any soil, plant matter, or other materials.</li> <li>• Use measures to protect roots of trees to remain.</li> <li>• Do not cut black oak trees without consulting with park Vegetation staff and park Tribal liaison</li> <li>• Existing topsoil and organic duff shall be salvaged prior to disturbance, stored appropriately, and replaced after construction in the order removed</li> <li>• Use barriers, fencing, or other means to maintain tight work limits and protect adjacent soils and vegetation from disturbance.</li> <li>• Areas of disturbed soil requiring revegetation must use site-specific native materials and seed approved by the park biologist.</li> </ul>
<b>Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species</b>	Potential	<p>Issue: Impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat.</p> <p>Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project site will be surveyed for California Red-legged Frogs by a NPS biologist prior to construction activities beginning</li> <li>• If trees are proposed to be removed March 1- August 15, a NPS biologist will conduct nest surveys for migratory birds.</li> <li>• The Contractor shall incorporate bear management precautions in all activities within the YNP boundary</li> <li>• Contractor shall maintain routes of escape from excavated pits and trenches</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Archeological Resources</b>	Potential	<p>Issue: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Impact: Archeological monitoring is recommended during construction [REDACTED] by an archeologist on an intermittent basis.</p>



<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
<b>Cultural</b> Cultural Landscapes	None	None
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources	Potential	Issue: Tribal properties of cultural or religious significance  Impact: Project submitted for tribal consultation in Nov 2020 Tribal Spreadsheet emailed to tribes for 30-day review on Nov.20.20. No tribal comments received within 30-day review period.
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	None
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures	None	None
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	None
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	None
<b>Lightscares</b> Lightscares <i>Night skies</i>	None	None
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	None	None
<b>Other</b> Operational	None	None
<b>Other</b> Other <i>Hazardous materials</i>	Potential	Issue: Potential hazardous material spills  Impact: Contractor will provide a hazardous material plan to be approved by park safety officer. Park will supply list of numbers to call in the event of a hazardous material spill.
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	None
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	None
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Socioeconomic	None	None

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
<b>Soundscapes</b> Soundscapes <i>Soundscape</i>	Potential	Issue: Temporary noise levels during construction  Impact: Contract specs will include measures to limit construction times during the day and to limit noise from heavy machinery.
<b>Viewsheds</b> Viewsheds	None	None
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources <i>Visitor and employee parking</i>	Potential	Issue: Significant considerations were made in the final stages of design to address the number of parking spaces required and the desired pedestrian circulation and experience between the South Lot, the North Lot, and the Welcome Center. It was determined that safety, circulation, and a non-Walmart parking design were of primary importance. Temporary loss of parking during construction.  Impact: Temporary and long-term impacts to availability of parking spaces for visitors. Temporary impacts will be mitigated through the timing of construction in the less busy season. There are long-term benefits in the final design to emphasize safety, pedestrian circulation, and a parking area appropriately designed for a premier national park.
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Visitor Use and Experience	None	None
<b>Water</b> Floodplains	None	None
<b>Water</b> Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	None
<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	None
<b>Water</b> Wetlands <i>Wetlands</i>	Potential	Issue: Indirect impacts to wetlands  Impact: The project specs will include measures to protect adjacent wetlands from materials spilling into wetlands.
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic River <i>Merced Wild and Scenic River ORVs</i>	Potential	Issue: While the project area is within the Merced Wild and Scenic River corridor, this action was evaluated and prescribed in the Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan.  Impact: None
<b>Wilderness</b> Wilderness	None	None



# ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

## A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

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

**Project Name:** Merced River Plan Implementation: Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Phase II

**Prepared by:** Wesley Wills      **Date Prepared:**      **Telephone:** (209) 379-1455

**PEPC Project Number:** 98434

**Locations:**

**County, State:** Mariposa, 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 the parking area is approximately 0.9 acre (39,000 square feet) and the APE for the road is approximately 0.5 acre (2,350 square feet) (attachment 2: APE map). The vertical subsurface depth of ground disturbance for the parking lot and road is anticipated to be 2 feet below the surface or less, while construction of the culvert will require excavation to 4 feet or less. The area has been heavily disturbed in the historic and modern era for construction of the Concessioner's General Office Building, various roads and pathways, buried utility lines, and the modern drainage ditch.

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

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

**Archeological Resources Present:** Yes

**Property Name:** Yosemite Valley Archeological District      **LCS:**

**Archeological Resources Notes:** The project area has been investigated through multiple archeological efforts, including surface surveys in 1974, 1985, 1989, 2001, and 2015. Subsurface survey using auger bores was completed in 2015, and construction monitoring at the south lot parking area was completed in 2001, 2003, and 2016. Archeological monitoring at the Concessioner General Office building was started in November 2020 and is expected to continue intermittently until the end of Winter 2021.

[REDACTED]

**Historical Structures/Resources Present:** Yes

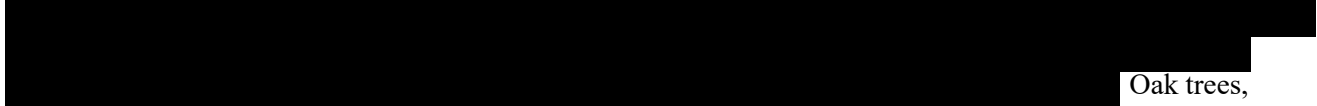
**Property Name:** Yosemite Valley Historic District      **LCS:**

**Cultural Landscapes Present:** Yes

**Property Name:** Yosemite Valley Historic District      **LCS:**

**Ethnographic Resources Present:** Yes

**Ethnographic Resources Notes:**



Oak trees, especially black oaks, are very important to tribal partners, though the few oaks in the project area have not been identified as a grove for traditional gathering activities. It is unclear how many of these trees would be disturbed by the undertaking, though it is likely less than 10 trees would be removed.

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

Yes/No	The proposed action will...
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)
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
Yes	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)
No	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:** 06/08/2021

**Comments:** Compliance complete. SHPO concurrence received 5/28/2021. No comments or concerns received from interested tribes.

**Check if project does not involve ground disturbance** [    ]

**Assessment of Effect:** \_\_\_No Potential to Cause Effect    \_\_\_No Historic Properties Affected      X  No Adverse Effect    \_\_\_Adverse Effect    \_\_\_Streamlined Review

**Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:**

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

[ X ] Anthropologist

Name: Liz Williams

Date: 02/02/2021

Comments: Project submitted for tribal consultation in Nov 2020 Tribal Spreadsheet emailed to tribes for 30 day review on Nov.20.20.

No tribal comments received within 30 day review period.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]

Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_No Potential to Cause Effect \_\_\_No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_X\_\_\_No Adverse Effect \_\_\_Adverse Effect \_\_\_Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Please see archeologist comments. Please avoid black oaks.

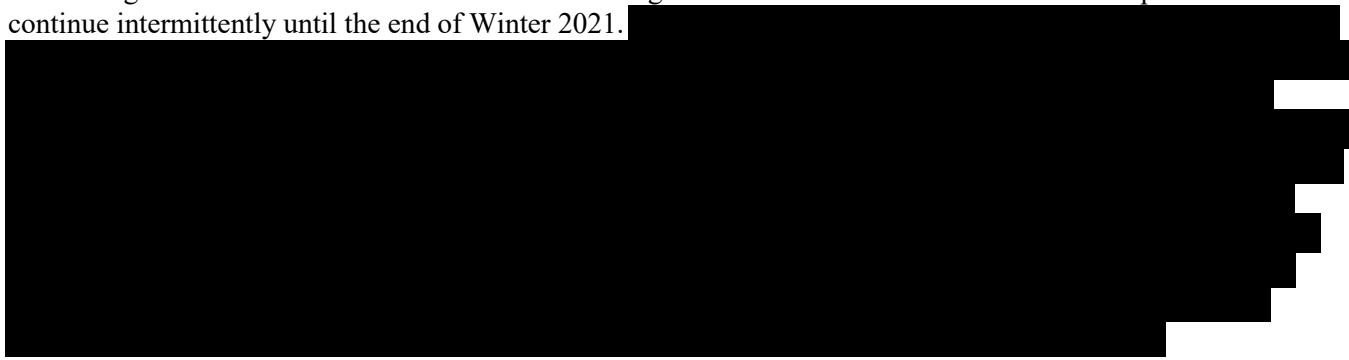
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[ X ] Archeologist

Name: Wesley Wills

Date: 02/02/2021

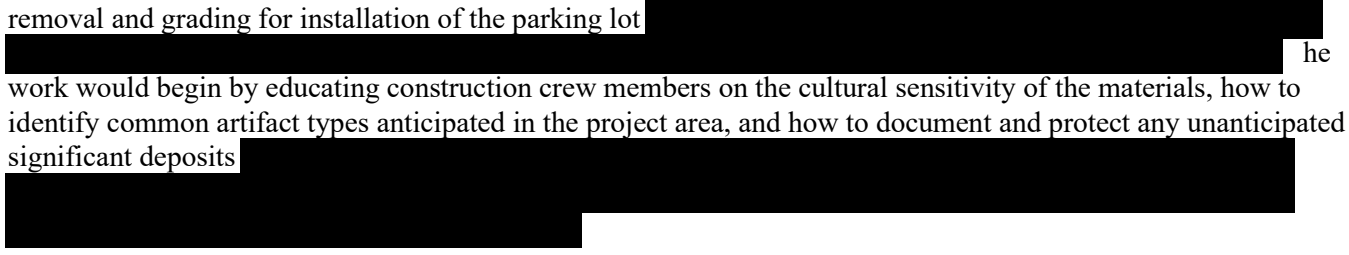
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Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]

Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_No Potential to Cause Effect \_\_\_No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_X\_\_\_No Adverse Effect \_\_\_Adverse Effect \_\_\_Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Archeological monitoring is recommended during tree removal and grading for installation of the parking lot



he work would begin by educating construction crew members on the cultural sensitivity of the materials, how to identify common artifact types anticipated in the project area, and how to document and protect any unanticipated significant deposits

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[ X ] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Vida Germano

Date: 02/24/2021

Comments: This project will have no adverse effect on the Yosemite Valley Historic District. No contributing features will be modified and the new parking lot will be screened by existing vegetation from key views in the historic district.

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

No Reviews From: Curator, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor

### C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Assessment of Effect:

Select with X	Assessment of Effect
n/a	No Potential to Cause Effects
n/a	No Historic Properties Affected
X	No Adverse Effect
n/a	Adverse Effect

#### 2. Documentation Method:

##### [X] 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: Apr 5, 2021

SHPO Received: Jun 1, 2021

THPO Required: Yes

THPO Sent: November 2020 Tribal Spreadsheet

THPO Received: No comments were received.

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.)

- 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 2008 Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service (U.S. Department of the Interior), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.
- Equipment and materials staging areas will avoid known archeological resources.
- Archeological monitoring required.
- All workers will be informed of the criminal penalties for illegally collecting artifacts or intentionally damaging any archeological or historic property. Workers will also be informed of the correct procedures should previously unknown resources be uncovered during construction activities. Data recovery excavations will be carried out under NPS guidance to mitigate adverse effects as outlined in the section on environmental consequences.

**6. Assessment of Effect Notes:**

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

**Section 106 Coordinator Signature:** Hope Schear **Date:** July 9, 2021

**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 Signature:** Cicely Muldoon **Date:** July 27, 2021



## Other Compliance/Consultations Form

**Park Name:** Yosemite National Park

**PEPC Project Number:** 98434

**Project Title:** Merced River Plan Implementation: Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Phase II

**Project Type:** Reconstruction

**Project Location:**

**County, State:** Mariposa, CA

**Project Leader:** Brad Lewis

### 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:**

We have a BO in place for the California Red-legged Frog, as long as mitigations are followed this project will be a no effect.

**Formal Consultation Concluded:**

**Any State listed Species in the Project Area? No**

**Consultation Information:**

**General Notes:**

**Data Entered by:** Heather Mackey

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### ESA Mitigations

*No ESA mitigations are associated with this project.*

### 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	None
<b>D. State Section 401 Permit?</b>	No	<b>Issue Date:</b> <b>Expiration Date:</b>



Question	Yes/No	Details
E. Tribal Water Quality Permit?	No	None
F. CZM Consistency determination needed?	No	Date Review Requested: Date Reply Received: Date State Concurred:
G. Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Required?	No	None
H. Any other permits required?	No	Permit Information:
Other Information:	No	None

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Date: 6/7/2021 **Floodplains & Wetlands Mitigations**

*No Floodplains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.*

### Wilderness

Question	Response: Yes/No	Notes
A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?	No	None
B. Is the only place to conduct this project in wilderness?	No	None
C. Is the project necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness?	No	None
D. Would the project or any of its alternatives adversely affect (directly or indirectly) Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)	No	None
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)	No	None
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.	N/A	Initiation Date: Completed Date: Approved Date:
Other Information:	No	None

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*Questions A & B are no longer*

*used.*

Question	Response: Yes/No
C. Wild and scenic river concerns exist?	Yes
D. National Trails concerns exist?	No
E. Air Quality consult with State needed?	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>	No

**Other Information:**

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