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Letter of Compliance Completion

To: Joshua Keyes, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2022-074 Arch Rock Entrance Station Temporary Office Trailer (109771)

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 effects 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:

- Trailer should be painted brown to match existing park structures at Arch Rock.
- All staff will be advised to obey park speed limits, exercising extra vigilance during rainy conditions to avoid vehicle strikes of frogs/toads that may be crossing the roadways. All food and trash will be stored in accordance with park regulations.
- No digging is permitted.

- Measures shall be taken to prevent the introduction of exotic species in the project area and staging areas. All earth moving equipment must enter 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 working days (not including weekends) prior to bringing any equipment into 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.
- Only work specified in PEPC 109771 is approved for implementation. Changes to the scope of work require additional review and approval by the Yosemite Environmental Planning and Compliance Office.

Superintendent Signature: Cicely Muldoon **Date:** August 18, 2022

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Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

Project: Arch Rock Entrance Station Temporary Office Trailer

PEPC Project Number: 109771

Description of Action (Project Description):

Rental of one mobile office trailer for one year and up to four option years from August 1, 2022, through September 30, 2027, to provide temporary office space for park staff at Arch Rock Entrance Station. The Trailer will be 10-12 feet long by 30-32 feet wide with an interior height of 8ft. Hook-ups will be above ground and connected in house to the existing utilities. If trailer cannot be hooked to sewer an above ground storage tank will be placed next to the trailer and pumped out on a regular schedule. Trailer will be placed in the farthest southwest corner of the parking lot closest to the house.

The current office space is 72 square feet and doesn't serve the operation or the employees adequately. The one-room office functions include: supervisor duties, remit and other administrative functions, employee break room, and storage for up to 17 staff members. Due to the pandemic and implementation of a managed access system, increasing space for entrance station employees has become a safety issue and a priority. The supervisor requires a private space and staff deserve a restroom and running water. The temporary trailer will provide a dedicated space for the supervisor, an area for administrative functions and staff breaks, as well as a restroom. Suitable space could be found in the existing housing area next to the entrance station. The housing unit has been the entrance station office the past two years but no longer approved and the space will be returned to seasonal housing.

The trailer will feature fluorescent ceiling lights (120/240 volt) with a single-phase electric 100-amp breaker panel. The body construction will have wood siding or synthetic comparable siding. The paint color will match surrounding Arch Rock structures. The trailer will include an operational bathroom with a toilet and sink. The service utility lines are provided by the contractor to connect to existing plumbing and electric system. Finally, the trailer will include one private office.

Mitigation(s):

See Letter of Compliance Completion Form for mitigations.

CE Citation: 3.3.C.10 Installation of wells, comfort stations and pit toilets in areas of existing use and in developed areas.

CE Justification:

The installation of a temporary trailer has as similar, if not lesser, impact than the installation of a well, comfort station or pit toilet. Additionally, the location of this trailer is in an area of existing development (paved parking lot).

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:** August 18, 2022

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Explanation
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	This project will have a positive impact on staff health and safety. Dangerously high summer temperatures and the very small dimensions of current working space at Arch Rock entrance station pose health and safety issues. The addition of a temperature-controlled trailer space provide a safe break and work space.
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	This project will place a small, temporary trailer in a paved parking lot. The trailer will add a non-historic element to the Arch Rock Entrance Complex. However, due to the temporary nature of the trailer, the small footprint and the location in a developed area we do not expect the trailer to have a significant impact on park resources. The trailer will be placed within 150-feet of the Merced River but due to it's location in a paved parking lot we do not expect it to alter river ecology in any way.
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	The placement of a temporary trailer on a paved surface does not have controversial environmental effects. While there will be one lost parking space available to visitors, park management has determined this to be an acceptable tradeoff to support the health, safety and functionality of fee operations.
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	The placement of a temporary trailer on a paved surface where no digging is required does not pose significant environmental risks.
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	The installation of this temporary trailer does not preclude future projects from a complete compliance review. Only work pertaining to PEPC 109771 is approved. Any changes to the existing plans must be submitted to the Yosemite Compliance Office.
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	N/A	There are no other actions related to this project, either directly or indirectly.
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?	No	This project will place a temporary non-historic structure among the historic Arch Rock Entrance Complex. The installation of this trailer requires no digging and will not alter the Arch Rock Complex structures in any way. Additionally, due to it's temporary nature and the blending of exterior paint to match the historic structures we do not expect the trailer to have a significant impact on the Arch Rock Complex.
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?	No	The location of this trailer is outside the range of threatened and endangered species in Yosemite National Park, including the California Red-Legged Frog.

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Explanation
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	The placement of this trailer does not violate any laws.
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	There are no low income or minority populations at the Arch Rock Entrance Station.
K. 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	There are no known sacred sites or ceremonial uses for the parking space in the Arch Rock Entrance Station. Further, this project was on the July 2022 Tribal Spreadsheet and no comments were solicited.
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)?	No	There is little/no risk of the placement of this trailer introducing or spreading noxious, non-native invasive species.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Arch Rock Entrance Station Temporary Office Trailer

PEPC Project Number: 109771

Project Type: Fee Collection (FEE)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, 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	None	None
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	None
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	None
Biological Vegetation	None	None
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	None
Cultural Archeological Resources	None	None

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	Potential	None
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	None	None
Cultural Museum Collections	None	None
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	None
Geological Geologic Features	None	None
Geological Geologic Processes	None	None
Lightscares	None	None
Other Human Health and Safety <i>Fee Staff</i>	Potential	Issue: Overheating and Covid-19. Impact: Dangerously high summer temperatures and the very small dimensions of current working space at Arch Rock entrance station pose health and safety issues. The addition of a temperature-controlled trailer space provides a safe break and work space.
Other Operational <i>Fee operations</i>	Potential	Issue: Inadequate space for supervisory duties. Impact: The addition of the temporary trailer will provide supervisors private space to perform sensitive duties including interviewing new employees, conducting Employee Performance Appraisals (EPAPs), handling employee conduct issues and holding supervisor meetings.
Other	None	None
Paleontological Paleontological Resources	None	None
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	None

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	None
Socioeconomic	None	None
Soundscapes	None	None
Viewsheds <i>Arch Rock Entrance Complex</i>	Potential	Issue: Temporary trailer is a new, non-historic structure. Impact: This project will temporarily add a non-historic and non-compatible structure to the viewshed of the Arch Rock Complex.
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	None
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and Experience <i>Arch Rock Entrance Station Parking Area</i>	Potential	Issue: Visitor parking availability. Impact: There will be one less parking space in the Arch Rock Entrance parking lot.
Water Floodplains <i>Merced River</i>	Potential	Issue: Trailer sits in the Arch Rock Entrance parking lot, which is in the Merced River floodplain. Impact: The addition of this trailer does not alter floodplain function, but the trailer could be damaged should the Merced River flood into the parking lot.
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	None
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	None
Water Wetlands	None	None

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Water Wild and Scenic River <i>Merced River</i>	Potential	<p>Issue: Temporary trailer will sit in the Arch Rock Entrance parking lot, which is within the Merced River corridor.</p> <p>Impact: The temporary trailer will sit within 150-feet of the Merced River but will not alter the free flow of the river or the function of the ecology of the riverbank. Additionally, because of the small footprint of the trailer, it's location in an existing paved parking lot, and the blending of the exterior paint color to match the existing Arch Rock Entrance Complex structures this trailer is not expected to unreasonably diminish the outstanding river values of the Merced River.</p>
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: Arch Rock Entrance Station Temporary Office Trailer

Prepared by: Erin Gearty **Date Prepared:** 06/16/2022 **Telephone:** (209) 379-1317

PEPC Project Number: 109771

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 Effect is bounded on the south by the back side of the U-shaped residence, dorm, comfort station, and utility building structure. It is bounded on the west by the edge of the El Portal Road, on the east by the Merced River, and the north by the northern edge of the parking lot. The vertical APE includes the height of the trailer.

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

Source or reference: Hawkey, G., and S. Carpenter, 2004. Cultural Resources Survey and Documentation for the El Portal Road Reconstruction Project 1997 and 1998

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

Archeological Resources Present: No

Historical Structures/Resources Present: Yes

Historical Structures/Resources Notes: This project includes CA-MRP-1705H. This recorded site is the Arch Rock Entrance Station Complex. The complex includes five structures and a parking area serving as the initial visitor contact station at the El Portal entrance to Yosemite. A ranger residence, dorm housing, and a utility building and public restroom form a U-shaped structure adjacent to the visitor parking area (Buildings A-C). The complex also includes the entrance kiosk (Building E) and a small octagonal building that was originally constructed as one of two entrance check stations and now functions as an office (Building D). Buildings A-C were constructed in 1925-1926 and Building D was constructed in 1926 to accommodate the newly completed El Portal Road "All Year Highway." These structures were designed and built on a simplified NPS rustic design found throughout the park. The checking stations were moved and realigned in 1928 to accommodate the influx of more visitor traffic. Building E was constructed in 1961 to replace the original kiosk which had experienced deterioration and damage from vehicle traffic.

The project also includes CA-MRP-1702H. This recorded site is the El Portal Road.

Cultural Landscapes Present: Yes

Property Name: Merced Canyon Travel Corridor **LCS:**

Ethnographic Resources Present: No

Ethnographic Resources Notes: There are no recorded ethnographic resources within the project area.

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
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. 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:

106 Advisor

Name: Hope Schear

Date: 08/03/2022

Comments: Compliance review under YOSE 2020PA streamlined category 5m. No HA required. Tribal consultation complete.

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 follow subject matter expert's recommendations for paint and screening of the temporary structure.

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

[X] Anthropologist

Name: Hope Schear

Date: 08/02/2022

Comments: Tribes consulted through July 2022 Tribal Project Spreadsheet, no comments, concerns, or objections to the park's finding of effects were received within the 30-day review period.

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: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

[X] Archeologist

Name: Erin Gearty

Date: 06/16/2022

Comments: The two recorded sites within the project area, CA-MRP-1702H and 1705H, include the El Portal Road and the Arch Rock Entrance Complex, respectively. From an archeological perspective, because hook-ups will be above ground and connected to the existing utilities, this project will not adversely impact archeological sites. This project, however, will add a non-historic and non-compatible structure to the viewshed of the Arch Rock Complex.

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: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Scott Shinton

Date: 08/02/2022

Comments: The limited footprint of the proposed structure within the parking lot adjacent to the Arch Rock Entrance Station will have a minimal effect on the cultural landscape so long as steps are taken to make the appearance of the trailer harmonious with its surroundings.

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: In order to more seamlessly fit into the existing landscape, I recommend utilizing a paint matching the brown of the adjacent fence and Ranger Residence instead of the white noted as an option. Temporary trailers across the Valley employ this color strategy, and are usually successful in meeting the short term, immediate demands of the NPS while minimally detracting from the integrity of the historic landscape.

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

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

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

Select with X	Assessment of Effect
Not selected	No Potential to Cause Effects
Not selected	No Historic Properties Affected
X	No Adverse Effect
Not selected	Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

A. Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

B. Streamlined Review Under the 2008 Servicewide Programmatic Agreement (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

Applicable Streamlined Review Criteria

(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

C. Undertaking Related to Park Specific or Another Agreement

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

D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process

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

E. Memo to Project File

3. Consultation Information

SHPO Required: No

SHPO Sent:

SHPO Received:

THPO Required:

THPO Sent:

THPO 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.)

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 work specified in PEPC 109771 is approved for implementation. Changes to the scope of work require additional review and approval by the Yosemite Environmental Planning and Compliance Office.
- Trailer should be painted brown to match existing park structures at Arch Rock.
- No digging is permitted.

6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

YOSE PA category 5m) Routine Ground Maintenance: Changes in function or use of the landscape that do not adversely affect historic properties and are consistent with the standards (e.g., use of grounds for temporary construction staging, temporary use of abandoned campground for parking).

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Section 106 Coordinator Hope Schear **Date:** August 17, 2022
Signature: _____

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:** August 18, 2022



Other Compliance/Consultations Form

Park Name: Yosemite National Park
PEPC Project Number: 109771
Project Title: Arch Rock Entrance Station Temporary Office Trailer
Project Type: Fee Collection
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, CA
Project Leader: Joshua Keyes

ESA

<p>Any Federal Species in the project Area? No If species in area: No Effect Was Biological Assessment prepared? If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred? Formal Consultation required? No Formal Consultation Notes: Project area is outside of the current range of occurrence of California red-legged frog and other listed amphibians in Yosemite National Park. The project is limited to a footprint of existing disturbance and will not raise noise levels above ambient levels. For these reasons, the project has been assessed as having "no effect" to listed species.</p> <p>Formal Consultation Concluded: Any State listed Species in the Project Area? Consultation Information: General Notes:</p>
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Data Entered By: Ninette Daniele **Date:** May 31, 2022

ESA Mitigations

No ESA mitigations are associated with this project.

Floodplains/Wetlands/§404 Permits

Question	Yes/No	Details
A.1. Is project in 100- or 500-year floodplain or flash flood hazard area?	Yes	Determined to be exempt from compliance with Director's Order #77-2 and no Floodplain Statement of Findings required.
A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by NPS/DOI?	No	Not in wetland as defined by NPS/DOI.
B. COE Section 404 permit needed?	No	No placement of fill in waters of the United States.

Question	Yes/No	Details
C. State 401 certification?	No	None
D. State Section 401 Permit?	No	Issue Date: Expiration Date:
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

Data Entered By: Meredith Dennis

Date: Aug 10, 2022

Floodplains & Wetlands Mitigations

No Floodplains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.

Wilderness

Question	Yes/No
A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?	No
B. Is the only place to conduct this project in wilderness?	No
C. Is the project necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness?	No
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
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
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
Other Information:	No

Data Entered By: Meredith Dennis

Date: Aug 10, 2022 **Other Permits/Laws** *Questions A & B are no longer*

used.

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

Data Entered By: Meredith Dennis

Date: Aug 10, 2022