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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park  
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#### Memorandum

To: Jim Vandenberg, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Acting Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2009-071 Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof Replacement (26241)

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 NHPA 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:

- Ensure that all equipment and materials brought into the park are free of non-native, invasive plants and animals, and noxious weeds. 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.

//Dennis Shram// (acting)  
David V. Uberuaga

Enclosure (with attachments)  
cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in  
Yosemite National Park.*



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## Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: **2009-071 Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof Replacement**

PEPC ID: **26241**

Project Description: This project will replace the Curry Pavilion roofs in-kind in order to improve drainage, eliminate water collection and snow loading issues, eliminate water infiltration, replace rotted materials on existing gable roofs; and prevent wildlife access. In addition, the exposed trusses in the gift shop will be evaluated and appropriately rehabilitated. The work will not affect the exterior elevation of the Pavilion Complex roof.

This project will renovate the entire Curry Village Pavilion Complex roof by removing the rotted and compromised roof materials and replacing with new in-kind materials from the overhangs up to the roof line. Waterproof material will encapsulate the area surrounding the base of each piece of equipment to prevent future infiltration. Roof vents will be covered with wire mesh to eliminate potential wildlife access.

The Pavilion Complex is a non-contributing, non-historic structure located in the Camp Curry Historic District and Yosemite Valley Historic District within Yosemite National Park. The Complex includes the pavilion, kitchen, bar, pizza production area, mountain & gift shops area, Taqueria, back of house storage, linen room, shower house and utility areas. The roof complex is compromised in many key areas from water infiltration, fatigue and age. The current design (a combination of interconnected flat and gabled roofs) has improper drainage, creating areas for water and/or snow to collect and eventually infiltrate the roof structure. Equipment additions have caused overloading and sagging on portions of the structure. Existing equipment on the roof includes electrical conduits, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning equipment, ventilation equipment, water pipes and duct work. This equipment will be removed and stored in the staging area while re-roofing work occurs. The equipment will be re-installed on the flat portion of the roof upon completion of the roofing work. The contractor will be responsible for disposing of spent roofing materials and will consider opportunities to recycle.

Carbon footprint reduction or increase is not measurable for this project; however, energy efficiency is anticipated to be improved as re-roofing work will include new insulation in the attic spaces, as necessary.

A staging area will be located in the back-dock of the Pavilion to accommodate debris bins and roofing materials. Delaware North Corporation will perform work in early fall when visitation is lower as not to impact staff and visitors.

Project Locations:  
**Mariposa County, CA**

Mitigations:

- **Ensure that all equipment and materials brought into the park are free of non-native, invasive plants and animals, and noxious weeds. 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.**

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.3 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails.**

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.

Park Acting Superintendent //Dennis Shram// (acting)

Date 10/26/09

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

### DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: **10/01/2009**

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

#### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: **Yosemite National Park**  
Project Title: **2009-071 Curry Village Pavilion Complex Roof Replacement**  
PEPC Project Number: **26241**  
Project Type: **Capital Improvement (CI)**  
Project Location: County, State: **Mariposa, California** District: **Yosemite Valley**  
Project Leader: **Jim Vandenberg**

Preliminary drawings attached? **Yes**

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

#### B. 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.	No				
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality		Negligible			The roof replacement will generate minimal, temporary air emissions.
4. Soundscapes		Negligible			Construction noises are associated with this roofing project.
5. Water quality or quantity	No				
6. Streamflow characteristics	No				
7. Marine or estuarine resources	No				
8. Floodplains or wetlands	No				

9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	No				
10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine	No				
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat	No				
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites	No				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	No				
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat	No				
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)		Negligible			See Comment 1, below.
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	No				
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				
18. Archeological resources	No				
19. Prehistoric/historic structure	No				
20. Cultural landscapes		Negligible			Yosemite Valley Historic District; Camp Curry Historic Site.
21. Ethnographic resources	No				
22. Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)	No				
23. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	No				
24. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	No				
25. Energy resources	No				
26. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	No				

27. Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability	No				
28. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.	No				
29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	No				
30. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	No				

Comments:

**1. Ensure that all equipment and materials brought into the park are free of non-native, invasive plants and animals and noxious weeds. All staff working on the project 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 1355.**

**C. 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?		N		
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?		N		
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?		N		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		N		
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		N		

F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		N		
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?		N		
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?		N		
I. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		N		
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		N		
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)?		N		
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)?		N		

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.

#### **D. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

Did personnel conduct a site visit? **Yes, Business and Revenue Management**

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**

**E. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES**

<u>Interdisciplinary Team</u>	<u>Field of Expertise</u>
David V. Uberuaga	Acting Superintendent
Katariina Tuovinen	Acting Deputy Superintendent
Kristina Rylands	Acting Chief of Planning
Mark Butler	Chief of Project Management
Katariina Tuovinen	Chief of Administration Management
Paul Laymon	Acting Chief of Facilities Management
Niki Nicholas	Chief of Resources Management & Science
Marty Nielson	Chief of Business and Revenue Management
Tom Medema	Acting Chief of Interpretation and Education
Steve Shackelton	Chief Ranger
Jim Vandenberg	Project Leader
Elexis Mayer	Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager
Jeannette Simons	NHPA Specialist
Renea Kennec	NEPA Specialist

**F. 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 Specialists	Date
<u>//Renea Kennec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u>10/1/09</u>
<u>//Elexis Mayer// (acting)</u> Compliance Program Manager – Elexis Mayer	<u>10/22/09</u>
<u>//Michael Wickman// (acting)</u> Chief, Project Management – Mark Butler	<u>10/23/09</u>

*Approved:*

Acting Superintendent	Date
<u>//Dennis Shram// (acting)</u> David V. Uberuaga	<u>10/26/09</u>

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## PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: **October 1, 2009**

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP

Project Number: 26241

Project Type: Capital Improvement (CI)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California District: Yosemite Valley

Project Manager: Jim Vandenberg

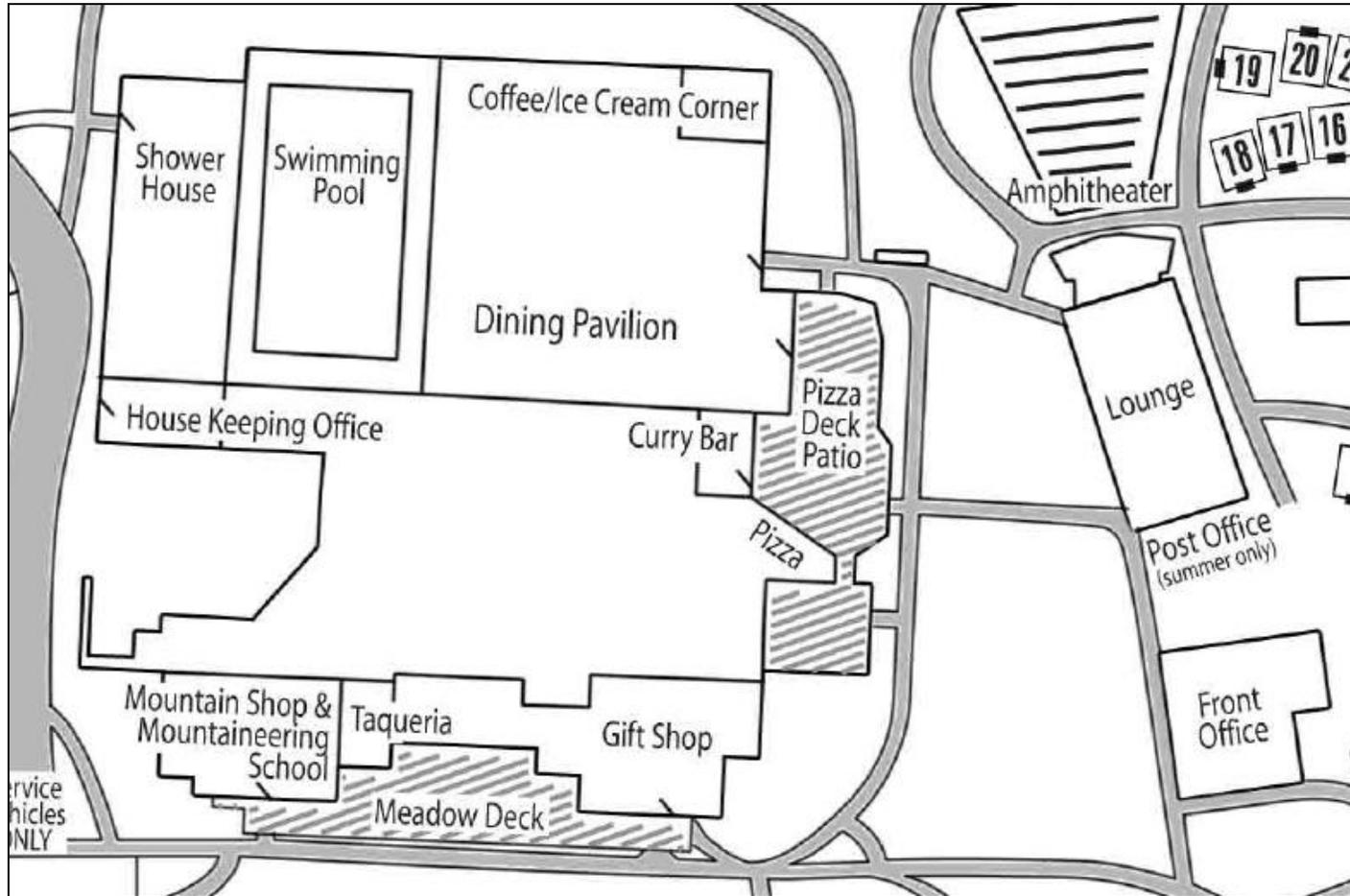
Project Title: 2009-071 Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof Replacement

### PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
<b>1.SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST</b>				
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		
<b>6.NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
7. Entail ground disturbance?		X		
8. Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?		X		
9. Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?		X		
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		
<b>12.WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
13. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor?	X			Merced River.
14. Fall within the bed and banks AND will affect 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 classification?			X	
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		
<b>100. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
101. Within designated Wilderness?		X		
102. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		X		

### Curry Pavilion Site Plan



**Replace Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof  
Project Photographs**



Curry Village Store Trusses to be assessed for structural integrity.

**Replace Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof  
Project Photographs**



Curry Village Store truss with signs of stress.

**Replace Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof  
Project Photographs**



Ventilation equipment on Curry Village Pavilion Complex to be removed and replaced after re-roofing activities. Equipment will be replaced in same locations; however, proper roof drainage might slightly raise some of the equipment where it is currently sagging and proper flashing will be installed at base of equipment. Possible raising of some equipment will not be seen from ground level vantage points.

**Replace Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof  
Project Photographs**



Areas of significant deterioration on the roof causing leaking into the complex.

**Replace Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof  
Project Photographs**



Damaged and deteriorated roofing in need of replacement.



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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: **2009-071 Curry Village Pavilion and Complex Roof Replacement**

b. Date: **September 9, 2009**

c. PEPC Project ID Number: **26241**

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

No

Yes, Source or reference: **Camp Curry Historic Site**

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 Resources:

Cultural landscapes affected?

Name and number(s): **Yosemite Valley Historic District**

NR status: **1 - Listed in Register and documented**

Name and number(s): **Camp Curry Historic Site**

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)

**No** 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: **Renea Kennec** Date: **October 1, 2009** Title: **Environmental Protection Specialist**  
Telephone: **209-379-1038**

## 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:

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Historical Architect

Name: **Sueann Brown**

Date: **09/29/2009**

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance*

Assessment of Effect:  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: **Park Specific Programmatic Agreement**

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Historical Landscape Architect

Name: **David Humphrey**

Date: **09/29/2009**

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance*

Assessment of Effect:  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: **Park Specific Programmatic Agreement**

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No Reviews From: **Curator, Archeologist, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist**

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**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. 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. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.  
Specify plan/EA/EIS: \_\_\_\_\_

[ **X** ] 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: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] 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. No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]

[ ] G. 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.

Recommended by Park Section 106 coordinator:

Signature of Historic Preservation Officer  //Jeannette Simons//

Date:  10/1/09

**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 Acting Superintendent //Dennis Shram// (acting)

Date: 10/26/09

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