

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park P. O. Box 577 Yosemite, California 95389

Memorandum

To: Brian S. Mattos, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2009-018 Programmatic Parkwide Forestry Work Plan (24425)

The Management Team has reviewed the proposed project 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; and
- 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:

• Implement attached mitigations measures and Division 1 Specifications.

//Don L. Neubacher//

Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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



Yosemite National Park Date: 05/17/2010

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2009-018 Programmatic Parkwide Forestry Work Plan

PEPC Project Number: 24425

Project Description: The purpose of the forestry program is to detect hazardous trees and mitigate or abate them before they fail and injure people or damage property. Trees have not stabilized in fire exclusion areas where the landscape has been manipulated. Seven people have been killed, and 19 seriously injured, by tree failures in Yosemite. Tree failures have caused more than \$1 million in property damage. Fires, storms, and rock falls, and other natural events cause unanticipated tree hazard workloads. Response to these events has been within the scope of the programmatic parkwide Forestry Work Plan for the last two decades. The Forestry Work Plan is guided by the following laws and policy resources:

- Public Law (16 USC 3 and 54),
- National Park Service (NPS) Management Policies (8.8)
- National Resources Management Guidelines (NPS-77)
- Special Directive 82-6
- Yosemite Resource Management Plan
- Vegetation Management Plan
- Fire Management Plan

The above directives stress the importance of human life and remind us that visitors to natural areas assume some degree of risk. They also direct managers to remove known hazards (when it will not impair resources) or abate hazards by closing affected areas and warning visitors. Pacific West Region Hazard Tree Management Directive PW-062 provides a framework for Forestry programs that is consistent with the NPS mission to conserve natural and cultural resources. This framework includes an appropriate rating system to minimize tree failure threats to life and property.

Forestry managers (with the use of contractors) systematically inspect park visitor areas for hazardous trees. Complete mitigation or abatement will be prescribed for trees with visible defects as soon as practicable. Forestry supervisors evaluate actions (pruning, topping, and other options) that will best preserve habitat. Residents, visitors, and employees are notified about possible tree failures and the park's activities to manage them through the *Yosemite Daily Report*, the NPS website, open house events, and other appropriate outreach venues. The majority of tree hazard efforts are planned to avoid peak-season crowds when possible, but work is in progress throughout the year. Traffic control is implemented when there is a reasonable chance that equipment or falling trees would be a hazard to people using the roads or trails. Forestry supervisors or the park Forester review worksites to avoid impairment of park resources. They also determine if the woody debris can be recycled in place or if a contractor should be hired to dispose of it. Workers also restore each area by minimizing the visibility of cut wood and obvious ruts or tracks by covering exposed soil with woody debris. Appropriate resource protection clauses are included in all forestry contracts.

Forestry managers consult with the following park subject matter experts about sensitive resources:

- History, Architecture, and Landscapes branch for major or special trees in cultural landscapes
- Archeology and Anthropology for soil disturbance near archeological sites or high probability of un-surveyed areas
- Landscape Ecology and Vegetation and Ecological Restoration for trees along rivers or groups of trees in the Wild and Scenic River corridors
- Wildlife Management for tree assessment with regards to wildlife occupancy and habitat quality
- American Indian Liaison for periodic work plan review and for trees (California black oaks in historic habitation and gathering areas) that are significant to Native American groups

The Underground Service Alert will be consulted where buried infrastructure may be disturbed. This program will adhere to the park's Division 1 Specifications, specifically, Section 01355 Natural, Cultural, and Physical Resources Protection.

Additional purposes of the Forestry Program include maintaining forest health. Also, Forestry workers remove nuisance trees near facilities and along roadways that may present fire and traffic hazards, create damage to facilities, or make operation of facilities less efficient. Removing shrubs and conifers, and roadside brushing are planned over the next few years.

Project Location:

Mariposa County, CA Tuolumne County, CA

Mitigations:

• Implement attached mitigations measures.

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):

E.3 Removal of park resident individuals of non-threatened/endangered species which pose a danger to visitors, threaten park resources or become a nuisance in areas surrounding a park, when such removal is included in an approved resource management plan.

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 or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Park Superintendent_//Don L. Neubacher//						
Date <u>5/20/10</u>	The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in Yosemite National Park.					



Yosemite National Park Date: 05/17/2010

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF) DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: 02/11/2009

Updated May 2007 - per 2004 Departmental Manual revisions and proposed Director's Order 12 changes

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park

Project Title: 2009-018 Programmatic Parkwide Forestry Work Plan

PEPC Project Number: 24425

Project Type: Facility Maintenance (FM)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa/Tuolumne, California

Project Leader: Brian Mattos

Background information 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
Geologic resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.		Negligible			Some work will include soil disturbance; see Mitigations Table.
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality		Negligible			Temporary work; see Mitigation Table for emission controls.
4. Soundscapes		Negligible			Forestry work is temporary and mitigated by utilizing factory emission control equipment.
5. Water quality or quantity	No				
6. Streamflow characteristics	No				
7. Marine or estuarine	No				

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
resources					
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		Negligible			May effect individual decadent trees adjacent to or within developed facilities; no effect at the stand level.
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 is a World Heritage Site.
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)	No				Equipment is cleaned prior to park entry and inspected and labeled prior to commencing work.
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	No				Any area closures for tree work are generally very short-term and visitors can be directed to alternate sites and/or routes.
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				
18. Archeological resources		Negligible			Parkwide.
19. Prehistoric/historic structure	No				
20. Cultural landscapes		Negligible			Parkwide.
21. Ethnographic resources		Negligible			Parkwide.
22. Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)	No				
23. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	No				

Identify potential effects to	No	Negligible	Minor	Exceeds	Data Needed to
the following physical,	Effect	Effects	Effects	Minor	Determine/Notes
natural,				Effects	
or cultural resources					
24. Minority and low income	No				
populations, ethnography,					
size, migration patterns, etc.					
25. Energy resources	No				
26. Other agency or tribal land	No				
use plans or policies					
27. Resource, including	No				
energy, conservation potential,					
sustainability					
28. Urban quality, gateway	No				
communities, etc.					
29. Long-term management of	No				
resources or land/resource					
productivity					
30. Other important	No				
environment resources (e.g.					
geothermal, paleontological					
resources)?					

Comments:

Resource Advisor resources are consulted to avoid effects to sensitive resources.

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?		No		
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		Mitigated; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?		No		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve		No		

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
unique or unknown environmental risks?				
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		No		
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		No		
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		
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		
I. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		No		
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		No		
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)?		No		
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		

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? No

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? Yes

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

All interdisciplinary team members sign as directed or deemed necessary by the Superintendent. By signing this form, you affirm the following: you have either completed a site visit or are familiar with the specifics of the site; you have consulted with affected agencies and tribes; and you, to the best of your knowledge, have answered the questions posed in the checklist correctly.

Interdisciplinary Team	Field of Expertise
Don L. Neubacher	Superintendent
Stan Austin	Acting Deputy Superintendent
Kathleen Morse	Chief of Planning
Mark Butler	Chief of Project Management
Katariina Tuovinen	Chief of Administration Management
Ed Walls	Chief of Facilities Management
Niki Nicholas	Chief of Resources Management & Science
Marty Nielson	Chief of Business and Revenue Management
Tom Medema	Chief of Interpretation and Education
Charles Cuvelier	Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection
Bill Rust	Project Leader
Elexis Mayer	Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager
Jeannette Simons	NHPA Specialist
Renea Kennec	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 Specialists	Date
//Renea Kennec//	5/20/10
Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	
<u>//Elexis Mayer//</u>	5/20/10
Compliance Program Manager – Elexis Mayer	

/Mark A. Butler// Chief, Project Management – Mark Butler	5/20/10
Approved:	Data
Superintendent	Date
//Don L. Neubacher// Don L. Neubacher	4/20/10

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Yosemite National Park Date: 05/17/2010

PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: May 17, 2010

PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park

Project Title: 2009-018 Programmatic Parkwide Forestry Work Plan

PEPC Project Number: 24425

Project Type: Facility Maintenance (FM)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa/Tuolumne, California

Project Leader: Brian Mattos

PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes					
SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST									
1. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		No							
2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		No							
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?		No							
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		No							
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVA	ATIO	N AC'	Т СН	ECKLIST					
5. Entail ground disturbance?	Yes			Tree falling and equipment may compact or displace duff and surface soil; Resource Advisors and Underground Service Alert resources will be used to avoid effects to cultural or natural resources or buried infrastructure. Displaced soil and duff are returned to contours.					
6. Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the	Yes			The assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."					

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
area of potential effect?				
7. Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?		No		
8. Has a National Register form been completed?		No		
9. Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?	Yes			This project is parkwide; consultation will occur prior to any work done in the area of potential effect.
WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT	CHE	CKLI	ST	
10. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor?	Yes			Merced and Tuolumne Rivers.
11. Fall within the bed and banks AND will affect the free-flow of the river?		No		
12. Have the possibility of affecting water quality of the area?		No		
13. Remain consistent with its river segment classification?	Yes			
14. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?	Yes			Parkwide.
15. Will the project encroach or intrude upon the Wild and Scenic River corridor?	Yes			Consultation will occur prior to any work being done in the bed and banks of the river. The free flow of the river will not be affected.
16. Will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?		No		
17. Consistent with the provisions in the Merced River Plan Settlement Agreement?	Yes			
WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST				
18. Within designated Wilderness?	Yes			
19. Within a Potential Wilderness	Yes			

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
Addition?				

Forestry Op	perations Impacts Mitigations Table	
Land, Assets, P	roperties, Facilities, and Operations	
Topic	Mitigation Measures	Timeframe
Park or Partner Operations	Traffic control is established in accordance with MUTCD when there is a foreseeable chance of debris landing in the roadway or it is likely that nearby motorists will be distracted by the sight of falling trees.	During tree work
	Pedestrian traffic is restricted around tree work with building evacuations, trail closures, perimeter clearance, and spotters, as appropriate.	Building evacuations require advance notification
	Planned site closures or traffic control operations are posted to the Daily Report and announced on park radio as appropriate.	By 0700 hrs. day of tree work
	Forest products are made available for use by park operations and park partners.	After tree work
	Existing wood yards are utilized for staging and storage. Additional roadside areas that are free of known sensitive resources may be used for temporary gathering areas.	During and after tree work
	Underground Service Alert (811) is activated prior to operations that could disturb underground facilities (e.g. falling large trees in developed areas, stump grinding).	More than two working days before operations
Contracting	Existing contracts include requirements to protect park values. Newly issued contracts will include the Division 1 Specifications, SECTION 01355 NATURAL, CULTURAL & PHYSICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION.	Prior to contracting and during contract work
Seasonality	Tree work is generally scheduled prior to seasonal opening for areas that are seasonally closed. Areas that are open all year are generally scheduled for off-peak – season work. Roadsides are generally worked when free of snow or ice and when wet surfaces do not increase stopping distances.	Work Planning
Emergency Operations	Tree work associated with emergency operations such as wildland fire, severe storms, or rock fall will be accomplished as part of the incident where practicable. Tree work that continues after incident demobilization will continue as indicated by incident objectives and routine work practices	Incident operational periods and after demobilization.
Cultural Enviro	onment	
	Impacts to archeological sites during hazard tree removal will be avoided through consultation with an archeologist prior to the activity. Mitigation measures include directional falling, limbing prior to falling, and removal of downed trees using	

	methods that reduce ground disturbance.	
Natural Environ	nment	
Topic	Mitigation Measures	Timeframe
Emissions	Exhaust from power equipment (trucks, tractors, chainsaws, etc.) is mitigated by utilizing factory emission control equipment and avoiding unnecessary engine idling.	Procurement and during tree work
Soils	Surface soil disturbance is minimized by avoiding operations over wet soils, working over snow or hard frozen soil when appropriate, limbing and bucking trees before yarding, working from roadways when practicable, and avoiding use of tractor blades. Soils that are disturbed during operations are checked for hidden resources, recontoured, and native debris is spread on the surface.	Work planning and during and after tree work
Sound	Noise from power equipment (trucks, tractors, chainsaws, etc.) is mitigated by utilizing factory emission control equipment and avoiding unnecessary engine idling. Quiet hours around residential, lodging, and campground areas are observed. Excessive noise around known sensitive wildlife is mitigated by seasonal avoidance when practicable, or physical avoidance when possible.	Procurement, work planning, and during tree work
Plant Removal	Trees with serious outwardly visible defects are removed when documented hazard warrants and hazard abatement (warning, site closure, etc.) is not practicable. All tree species are subject to tree hazard mitigation; large defective giant sequoias would prompt additional planning, and mature California black oaks in areas of known prehistoric or historic habitation or gathering prompt Native American consultation, which may be post-mitigation when they are found to pose an immediate threat to life/safety.	Work planning and during (or after emergency) tree work
Hazardous Substances	Spill prevention and response plan is detailed in forestry contracts. Tree hazard mitigation generally utilizes motorized equipment such as chainsaws and tractors, which may be fueled at the job site. Mixed saw gas is dispensed from 1 quart or 2.5 gallon containers; diesel is transferred from vehicle tanks using electric or hand pump. Sporax sporicide is applied according to label to conifer stumps larger than eight inches (diameter) in developed areas where annosus root disease is a concern.	Work planning and during and after tree work
Social Environn		
Topic	Mitigation Measures	Timeframe
Health or Safety Threats	Forestry workers are at increased risk from falling trees and tree debris, and traffic during tree hazard mitigation. These hazards are addressed in JHAs.	Work planning and during tree work

Recreational	Recreational activities are sometimes affected when temporary pedestrian and/or	Work planning and during
Activities	traffic control is used to protect people and property from falling tree debris.	tree work
	Perimeter guards suggest alternate routes to visitors. Tree hazard mitigation is	
	generally scheduled prior to seasonal openings or during off-peak seasons.	
Resources Prot	ected by Other Laws, Regulations, and Executive Orders	
Topic	Mitigation Measures	Timeframe
Wilderness	Tree work in High Sierra Camps and adjoining backpacker camps, and along the Big	Work planning
	Trees power line is allowed in the existing Wilderness Management Plan. A	
	Minimum Requirement Decision Document is on file addressing forestry operations	
	in the Yosemite Wilderness and Potential Wilderness Additions.	
Wild and	Occasionally, tree hazards or failures within the channel of the Tuolumne or Merced	Work planning
Scenic River	Wild and Scenic Rivers present extraordinary threats to life/safety or facilities	
	(bridges). With interdivisional consensus and additional consultation, trees or tree	
	parts may be removed from bed and banks. Alteration of the free flowing condition is	
	not likely.	
Noxious	Off highway vehicles and equipment are cleaned prior to entering Yosemite and	Work planning
Weeds	inspected for potential weed propagules.	
Alternatives to	Alternatives to tree removal are aggressively pursued. Hazard abatement (site	Work planning
the Proposed	closure) and mitigation (cutting/breaking) options are considered on a case-by-case	
Action	basis. Advisories are posted on the web:	
	http://www.nps.gov/archive/yose/nature/veg_hazards.htm	
Other—Consul	tations to Avoid Effect	
Topic	Mitigation Measures	Timeframe
Who	Forestry Worker Supervisors and/or Park Forester consult with subject matter experts	Work Planning
	from other Divisions: HAL for trees in cultural landscapes, Historic Preservation	
	Officer for trees important to Native American groups, A&A for tree work with high	
	potential for soil disturbance or near known archeological sites, LE&PS for trees	
	along rivers or groups of trees in the Wild and Scenic River corridors, and Wildlife	
	for trees in known critical habitat or with indicators of occupancy, such as stick nests,	
	cavities, or whitewash. Subject matter experts respond promptly with concerns and	
	participate with Forestry Worker Supervisors developing tree hazard abatement or	

	mitigation solutions.	
Where	Sensitive sites that would trigger consultation include work in historic landscapes or in areas of special concern, work in areas that fit models for sensitive sites, or, if any, unfamiliar work areas with sensitive resources indicated on Resource Advisor maps. Sensitive trees that would trigger consultation include large giant sequoias, mature California black oaks in areas of known prehistoric or historic habitation or gathering, and groups of three or more hazard trees in a Wild and Scenic River corridor.	Work Planning
When	Supervisors have decades of work experience in their districts, and keep current on new discoveries. In addition to indicators detailed above, consultations would be indicated by remarkable tree hazard mitigation, including extraordinary numbers of trees (e.g. after insect outbreak, wildland fire, or rockfall) trees of extraordinary size, unique trees, invasive trees that are likely to sprout, and trees that are potentially controversial. Substantial work is publicized in the Daily Report and the Park Forester has been attending Open House public meetings regularly and no substantive complaints have been received for several years.	Work Planning
	Discovery of unknown cultural resources, disturbance of any archeological resources without a monitor on site, or discovery of buried remains will indicate immediate Stop Work Order, site protection, and additional consultations.	During Tree Work



Yosemite NP Date: 10/01/2009

ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKIN	1(n	K	4	Γ_{λ}	1	R	E	D	V	Jľ	I	F	0	N	n	T	P ₁	RI	C1	CS	DI	Α.
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1. Park: Yosemite NP **Park District:** Parkwide

2. Project Description:

a. Project Name: 2009-018 Programmatic Parkwide Forestry Work Plan

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

b. Date: October 1, 2009

c. PEPC Project ID Number: 24425

No	
Yes, S	ource or reference: Park-wide APE; site by site evaluation for presence/absence of cultura
resources.	
Check	here if no known cultural resources will be affected. (If this is because area has been disturbed
please expl	ain or attach additional information to show the disturbance was so extensive as to preclude
intact cultu	aral deposits.)

4. Potentially Affected Resources:

Archeological resources affected?

Name and number(s): Park-Wide permit; presence/absence of resources determined on a site by site basis.

Historical structures/resources affected?

Name and number(s): Park-Wide permit; presence/absence of resources determined on a site by site basis.

Cultural landscapes affected?

Name and number(s): Park-Wide permit; presence/absence of resources determined on a site by site basis.

Ethnographic resources affected?

Name and number(s): Park-Wide permit; presence/absence of resources determined on a site by site basis.

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.)
• Implement attached mitigations measures.
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: October 1, 2009 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/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:
[X] Archeologist Name: Laura Kirn Date: 04/14/2009 Comments: YOSE 1999 PA, Stipulation VII.C.2
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: No Historic Properties AffectedX No Adverse Effect Adverse Effect Streamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

Name: Sueann Brown Date: 05/18/2009 Comments: none Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: ___ No Historic Properties Affected ___ X _ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect __ Streamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: none Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement [X] Historian Name: Patrick Chapin Date: 05/01/2009 Comments: None Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: ___ No Historic Properties Affected ___ X _ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect __ Streamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: None Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement [X] Anthropologist Name: Jeannette Simons Date: 10/01/2009 Comments: Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: ___ No Historic Properties Affected ___ X _ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect __ Streamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Implement attached mitigations; in coordination with the American Indian Liaison, consult with American Indian tribes concerning protection of traditional cultural resources. Allow 90 days for consultation. [X] Historical Landscape Architect Name: David Humphrey Date: 05/04/2009 Comments: Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [] Assessment of Effect: ___ No Historic Properties Affected ___ X _ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect Streamlined Review Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historical Architect

No Reviews From: Curator, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor
C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS
1. Assessment of Effect:
No Historic Properties Affected 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:
[] 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: <u>5/17/10</u>	

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 __//Dona L. Neubacher//_

Date: <u>4/20/10</u>

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