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**Memorandum**

**To:** Eric Scott, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park  
**From:** Superintendent, Yosemite National Park  
**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2010-075 Wawona Ranger Office Propane Trench (33082)

The Leadership 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 archeological monitoring is scheduled during trenching, Paul DePascale, 379-1211.
- Ensure that no ground disturbance occurs prior to American Indian consultation; contact the park American Indian Liaison, Jennifer Hardin, 379-1232.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 33082.

\\Don L. Neubacher\\

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Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Yosemite National Park  
Date: 10/27/2010

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## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2010-075 Wawona Ranger Office Propane Trench

**PEPC Project Number:** 33082

### Project Description:

A propane line needs to be installed to supply emergency power to the Ranger Office from the back-up generator. Archeological monitoring and American Indian consultation will occur prior to and during the installation of the trench for the propane line. No ground disturbance will occur until consultation is complete. As power is critical to the operation of the Ranger Office in cases of emergencies, there will be a temporary above-ground line installed until all consultation has occurred. The permanent line involves digging a 12 feet long, 12 inches wide, and 16 inches deep trench from the rear of the Wawona Ranger Office to the back-up generator shed. This area has been previously disturbed. All utilities installation would be performed by park utilities staff. Trench details have been reviewed by the park design and engineering staff.

### Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

### Mitigations:

- Ensure that no ground disturbance occurs prior to American Indian consultation, contact the park American Indian Liaison, Jennifer Hardin, 379-1232.
- Ensure that archeological monitoring is scheduled during trenching, Paul DePascale, 379-1211.

**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.15 Installation of underground utilities in previously disturbed areas having stable soils, or in an existing utility right-of-way.

**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 Superintendent           *\\Don L. Neubacher\\*          

Date           12-1-10          

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# ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

## DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: 10/27/2010

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:** 2010-075 Wawona Ranger Office Propane Trench  
**PEPC Project Number:** 33082  
**Project Type:** Continuity of Operations (OTHER)  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Mariposa, California  
**Project Leader:** Eric Scott

Target compliance completion date: 10/30/2010

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.		Negligible			Trench measures 12 feet long, 18 inches deep and 12 inches wide.
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality	No				
4. Soundscapes		Negligible			Trenching will include temporary equipment noises.
5. Water quality or quantity	No				
6. Streamflow characteristics	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
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.
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				
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	No				
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				
18. Archeological resources		Negligible			Archeological monitoring is recommended.
19. Prehistoric/historic	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
structure					
20. Cultural landscapes	No				
21. Ethnographic resources	No				American Indian consultation will occur prior to any ground disturbing activities.
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				

**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?		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		
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 unique or unknown environmental risks?		No		
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		

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	N/A	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
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		

#### D. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Are personnel preparing this form familiar with the site? Yes
2. Is the project in an approved plan such as a General Management Plan or an Implementation Plan with an accompanying NEPA document? No
3. Are there any interested or affected agencies or parties? No
4. Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? No
5. 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>
Don L. Neubacher	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
Eric Scott	Project Leader
Elexis Mayer	Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager
Jeannette Simons	NHPA Specialist
Renea Kenec	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>          11-23-10          </u>
<u>          //Madelyn Ruffner//for          </u> Compliance Program Manager – Elexis Mayer	<u>          11-23-10          </u>
<u>          //Mark A Butler//          </u> Chief, Project Management – Mark Butler	<u>          11-30-10          </u>

Approved:

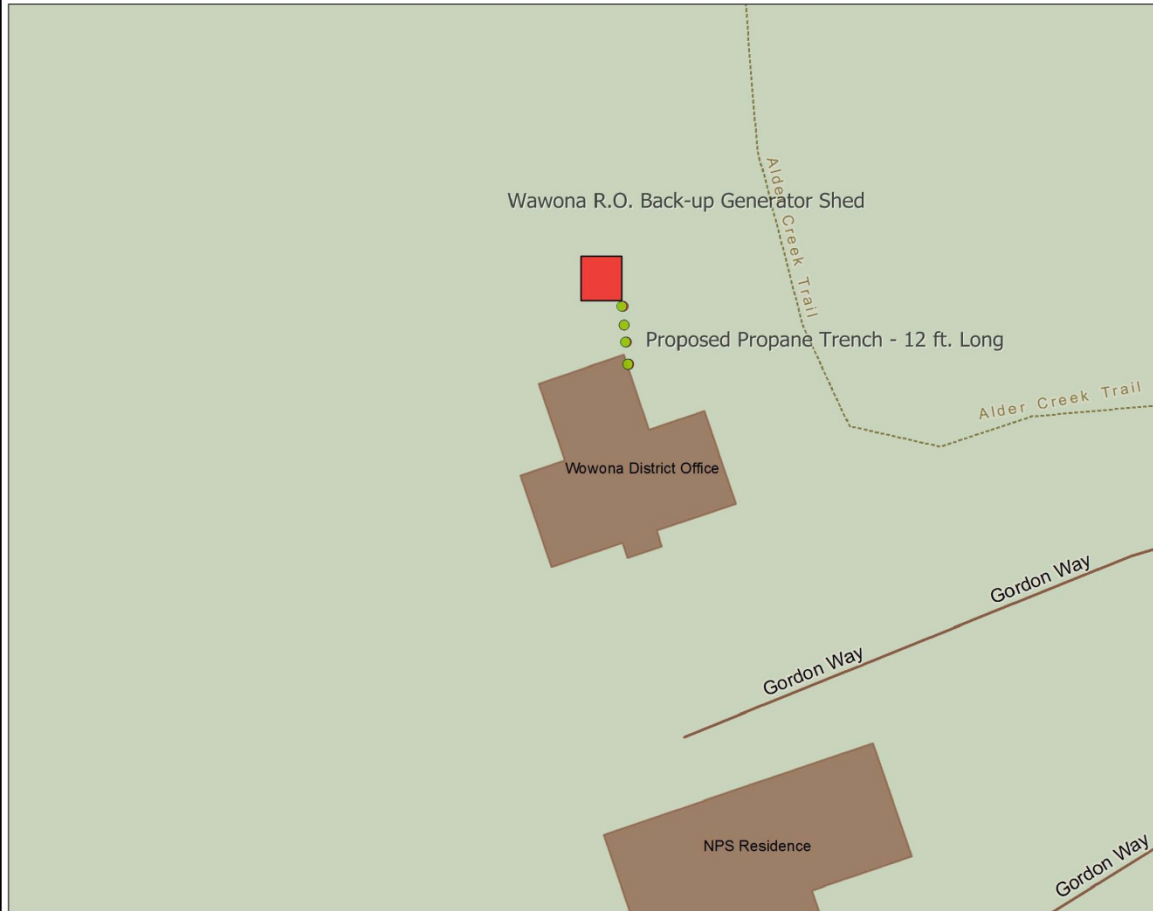
Superintendent	Date
<u>          //Don L. Neubacher//          </u> Don L. Neubacher	<u>          12-1-10          </u>

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# Yosemite National Park



- Legend**
- Yosemite Park Boundary
  - Building Outline
  - Building Fill
  - Roads - Large Scale**
    - Light Duty Roads
    - Primary Roads
    - Secondary Roads
    - Parking Lots
  - Trails**
    - Trails
  - Digital Elevation Model (10m)**
    - High : 4007
    - Digital Elevation Model (10m)
    - Low : 320

1: 402



0.0 0 0.01 0.0 Miles

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**Notes**

Wawona Ranger Office Project





## PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: October 27, 2010

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park  
 Project Title: 2010-075 Wawona Ranger Office Propane Trench  
 PEPC Project Number: 33082  
 Project Type: Continuity of Operations (OTHER)  
 Project Location:  
     **County, State:** Mariposa, California  
 Project Leader: Eric Scott

### PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
<b>SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST</b>				
Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		No		
Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		No		
Park rare plants or vegetation?		No		
Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		No		
<b>NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
Entail ground disturbance?	Yes			Trench measures 12 feet long, 18 inches deep and 12 inches wide.
Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?	Yes			Archeological monitoring is recommended.
Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?		No		
Has a National Register form been completed?			N/A	
Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?		No		
<b>WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor?		No		

Fall within the bed and banks AND will affect the free-flow of the river?		No		
Have the possibility of affecting water quality of the area?		No		
Remain consistent with its river segment classification?			N/A	
Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		No		
Will the project encroach or intrude upon the Wild and Scenic River corridor?		No		
Will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?		No		
Consistent with the provisions in the Merced River Plan Settlement Agreement?			N/A	
<b>WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
Within designated Wilderness?		No		
Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		No		



## ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Park: Yosemite National Park    Park District: Wawona

2. Project Description:

a. Project Name: 2010-075 Wawona Ranger Office Propane Trench    Date: November 4, 2010    PEPC  
Project ID Number: 33082

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

     No

  X   **Yes, Source or reference:** Wawona Historic District; Wawona Archeological District.

  X   Check here if no known cultural resources will be affected.

4. Potentially Affected Resources:

**Archeological resources affected?**

**Name and numbers:** Wawona Archeological District

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

**Cultural landscapes affected?**

**Name and numbers:** Wawona Historic District (CLI/DOE in prep)

**Location:** Wawona

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:

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

7. Supporting Study Data:

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: November 4, 2010    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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Archeologist

**Name:** Laura Kirn

**Date:** 10/26/2010

**Comments:** Work will occur within known, but partially disturbed, archeological resource. Adverse effects can be avoided through archeological monitoring (YOSE 1999 PA stipulation VII.C.2.h.) Project manager will schedule monitoring by contacting Paul DePascale at 379-1211.

*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:**

Archeological monitoring during construction (contact Paul DePascale at 379-1211 in advance of planned trenching).

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

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Historical Architect

**Name:** Gabrielle Harlan

**Date:** 11/08/2010

**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: 11/08/2010

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, 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  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: 1999 Programmatic Agreement

**[ ] 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 \_\_\_\_\_ *//Madelyn Ruffner// for Elexis Mayer*\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11-23-10\_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ *\\Don L. Neubacher\\*\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-1-10\_\_\_\_\_

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