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Memorandum

To: Geoffrey Lane, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2010-081 Wawona Hotel Main Building Restrooms ADA Renovation (33738)

The Executive Leadership 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.
- 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 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:

- The demolition process will be fully photo documented, with particular attention to evidence of earlier materials, floor plans, and fixture design and placement. Photos should be emailed to the park Historic Preservation Officer and park historical architect on a regular basis. At the conclusion of the project a CD must be submitted to the Historic Preservation Officer.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 33738.

\\Don L. Neubacher\\

Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2010-081 Wawona Hotel Main Building Restrooms ADA Renovation

PEPC Project Number: 33738

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to renovate the restrooms on the first floor of the Wawona Hotel to be more accessibly compliant and more in keeping with the historic finishes and furnishings found elsewhere in the hotel. In order to make the restrooms accessible the interior fixtures and partitions in both bathrooms need to be reconfigured without altering the historic wall layout. This reconfiguration will result in one less fixture in the men's restroom, giving it the same number of fixtures as the women's restroom. An automatic door opener will be installed in the men's restroom. One non-historic wall will be removed from the women's restroom as part of the reconfiguration to make the facility accessible.

The treatment strategy is in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. As much as possible, materials and fixtures that resemble those that may have been used between 1918 and 1960 will be selected. Existing tile, fixtures, and partitions will be removed. Although some of the fixtures may be older, the restrooms generally reflect the known remodeling in the early 1980s. If information about original finishes and fixtures is revealed during demolition or with development of the Historic Structure Report, fixtures and finishes may be re-evaluated. To that the park historic architect and the Historic Preservation Officer should be regularly apprised of findings at the site.

Materials, finishes, and fixtures:

- The floor finish will be a white, one to one-and-a-half inch hexagonal tile with approximately six-inch by six-inch "rosettes" in black at 36 inch intervals, darker grout (Delorean gray or approved equal color), with a mortar additive integrated sealant such as Groutboost or an approved equal. Other acceptable options are: 1) the Custom Building line of grout with tiny glass beads rather than sand which is supposed to resist staining a little better, and 2) epoxy grout which is typically only used in commercial kitchens and such.
- Walls will be surfaced with moisture resistant gypsum boards with a semi-gloss paint on approved primer.
- Wood baseboards with a cap will match existing baseboards found elsewhere in the main hotel building.
- Toilet partitions and door assemblies are to be bead-board.
- Fixtures, faucets, door hardware, lighting, mirrors, and equipment, including paper towel dispensers and changing tables will be selected by park historic architect.
- A chair rail/picture rail may be installed at the height of the railing in the lobby, with dimensions and profile to match the rail in the lobby.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigation:

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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.19 Construction or rehabilitation in previously disturbed or developed areas, required to meet health or safety regulations, or to meet requirements for making facilities accessible to the handicapped.

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.

Signature:

Superintendent _____ *\\Don L. Neubacher* _____

Date 3/16/11 _____

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: 3/14/2010

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: 2010-081 Wawona Hotel Main Building Restrooms ADA Renovation
PEPC Project Number: 33738
Project Type: Capital Improvement (CI)
Project Location: Mariposa County, CA
Project Leader: Geoffrey Lane
Administrative Record Location: Environmental Planning and Compliance Office
Administrative Record Contact: Renea Kennec

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	No				Temporary construction air emissions.
4. Soundscapes	No				Construction noises associated with the restroom renovation.
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				Visitor experience will be enhanced by an available accessible restroom.
18. Archeological resources	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
19. Prehistoric/historic structure		Negligible			Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark.
20. Cultural landscapes		Negligible			Wawona Historic District.
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				

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 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		

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

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?** N/A
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
Randy Fong	Acting Chief of Project Management
Katariina Tuovinen	Chief of Administration Management
Ed Walls	Chief of Facilities Management
Joe Meyer	Acting 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
Geoffrey Lane	Project Leader
Elexis Mayer	Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager
Barbara Wyatt	Historic Preservation Officer
Renea Kennecc	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
<p>_____ <i>//Renea Kennecc//</i> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennecc</p>	<p>_____ 3/15/11</p>
<p>_____ <i>//Elexis Mayer//</i> Compliance Program Manager – Elexis Mayer</p>	<p>_____ 3/16/11</p>
<p>_____ <i>//Randy Fong//</i> Acting Chief, Project Management – Randy Fong</p>	<p>_____ 3/16/11</p>

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
<p>_____ <i>//Don L. Neubacher//</i> Don L. Neubacher</p>	<p>_____ 3/16/11</p>

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National Park Service
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Yosemite National Park
Date: 12/20/2010

PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: December 20, 2010

PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park
Project Title: 2010-081 Wawona Hotel Main Building Restrooms ADA Renovation
PEPC Project Number: 33738
Project Type: Capital Improvement (CI)
Project Location: Mariposa County, California
Project Leader: Geoffrey Lane

PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST				
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		
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST				
Entail ground disturbance?		No		
Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?		No		
Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?	Yes			The restroom renovation will meet ADA standards.
Has a National Register form been completed?	Yes			National Historic Landmark #75000223.
Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the	Yes			List of Classified Structures #7158.

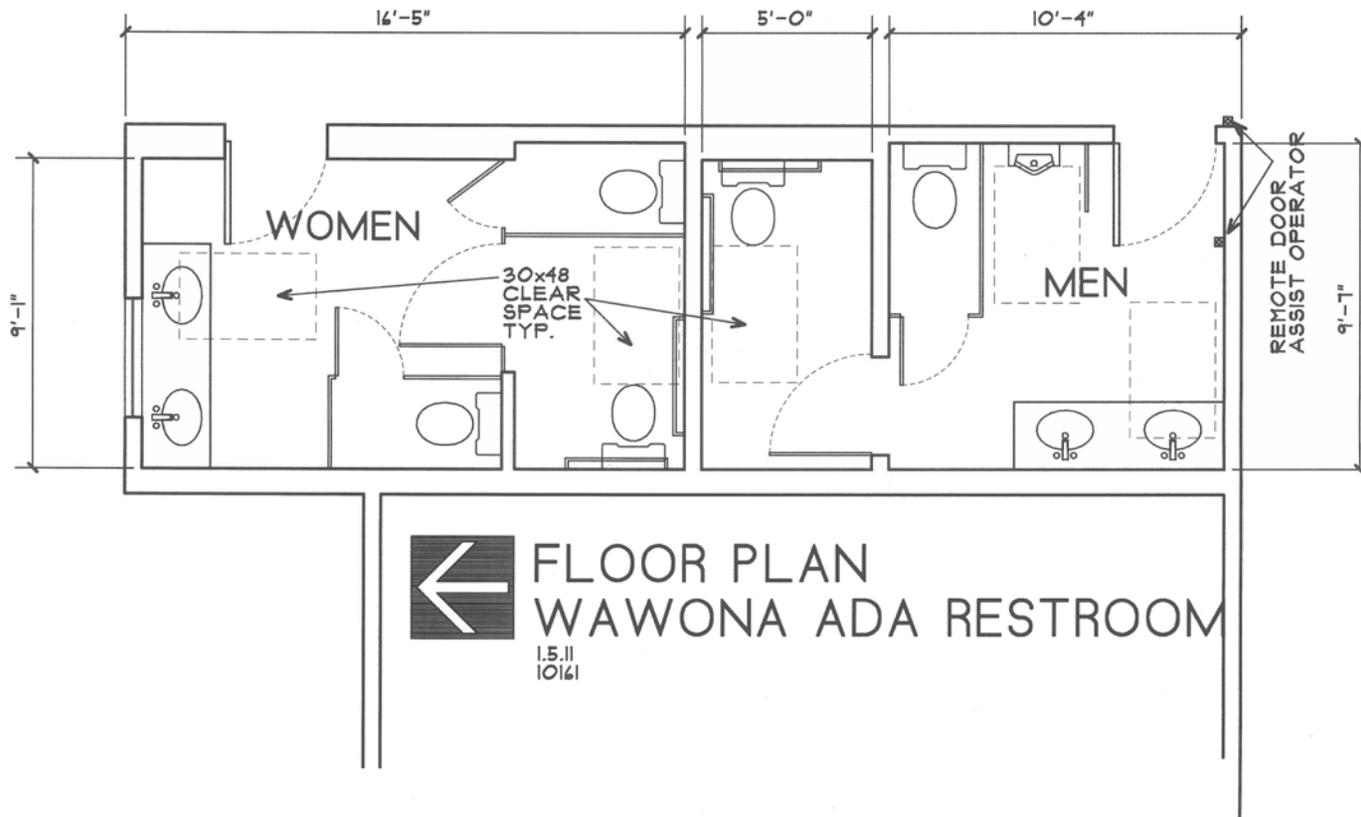
area of potential effect?				
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WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST

Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? (Name the river corridor)	Yes			South fork of the Merced River.
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?	Yes			
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?	Yes			

WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST

Within designated Wilderness?		No		
Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		No		



Proposed Future Restroom Floorplan



Current Men's Restroom



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

- a. **Project Name:** 2010-081 Wawona Hotel Main Building Restrooms ADA Renovation
- b. **Date:** March 14, 2011
- c. **PEPC Project Number:** 33738

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

- No
 Yes

Source or reference: Wawona National Historic Landmark; Wawona Historic District;
Wawona Archeological District.

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:**

Historical structures/resources affected?

Name and number(s): Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark
Location: Wawona
NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Cultural landscapes affected?

Name and number(s): Wawona Historic District (CLI/DOE in prep)
Location: Wawona

5. **The proposed action will:**

- Yes Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
 No Replace historic features/elements in kind

- Yes Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
- No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)
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): _____

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park Historic Preservation Officer 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: 01/04/2011

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [X]
Assessment of Effect: X No Historic Properties Affected ___ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect
___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
Doc Method: No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]

[X] Historical Architect
Name: Gabrielle Harlan
Date: 01/04/2011

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 Landscape Architect
Name: David Humphrey
Date: 01/04/2011

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []
Assessment of Effect: ___ No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect

Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

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

C. PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

_____ No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect _____ 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.)

13. Meeting Accessibility Standards in Historic Structures and Cultural Landscapes.

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. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document

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. Memo to SHPO/THPO

[] H. Memo to ACHP

3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:

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:

- The demolition process will be fully photo documented, with particular attention to evidence of earlier materials, floor plans, and fixture design and placement. Photos should be emailed to the park Historic Preservation Officer and park historical architect on a regular basis. At the conclusion of the project a CD must be submitted to the Historic Preservation Officer.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER:

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 Historic Preservation Officer \\Barbara Wyatt\\

Date: 3/16/11

Signature of Superintendent \\Don L. Neubacher\\

Date: 3/17/11

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