



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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L7615(YOSE-PM)

### Memorandum

**To:** John L. Leonard, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park  
**From:** Superintendent, Yosemite National Park  
**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2011-002 Camp 6 Restoration Fence Replacement (34698)

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 and 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:

- Submit an Accident Prevention Plan to the park Safety Office prior to beginning any work.
- In the event previously unknown archeological deposits are discovered during project activities, halt all ground disturbance in the area of discovery and contact the Archeology Office at 379-1314.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 34698.

\\Don L. Neubacher\\

Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File



## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2011-002 Camp 6 Restoration Fence Replacement

**PEPC Project Number:** 34698

**Project Description:**

This project will replace approximately 6,760 feet of fencing and barriers at Camp Six with a uniform style of split rail fencing that would be more visually pleasing and better protect park resources. The construction staging area in Camp Six will be removed. This area will then be available for parking. Sections of the parking area will need to be temporarily closed during construction.

The fences to be replaced will include:

- 1,620 linear feet of pedestrian fences;
- 4,110 linear feet vehicle/pedestrian fence;
- 2,040 linear feet of vehicle barriers.

The park Vegetation and Ecological Restoration branch may determine an additional 640 feet of vehicle/pedestrian fencing is necessary depending on condition of fencing encountered during replacement.

The new fences will be consistent with the Yosemite Design Guidelines. Wherever possible the old post holes will be reused for the new fencing. Larger timbers needed for erecting vehicle barriers will be sourced from trees removed by the park hazard tree and fire programs.

**Project Locations:**

- Mariposa County, CA

**Mitigation:**

- Submit an Accident Prevention Plan to the park Safety Office prior to beginning any work.
- In the event previously unknown archeological deposits are discovered during project activities, halt all ground disturbance in the area of discovery and contact the Archeology Office at 379-1314.

**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.8 Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity or appearance.

**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.**

**Superintendent**           \\Don L. Neubacher\\           **Date**           4/18/11          

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



## ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

### DO-12 APPENDIX 1

**Date Form Initiated:** 03/04/2011

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:** 2011-002 Camp 6 Restoration Fence Replacement  
**PEPC Project Number:** 34698  
**Project Type:** Facility Rehabilitation (FR)  
**Project Location:** Mariposa, California  
**Project Leader:** John Leonard

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			Each fence post will be buried in a hole 12 inches in diameter and 30 inches deep.
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality	No				
4. Soundscapes		Negligible			Fence installation will require some temporary equipment noises.
5. Water quality or quantity	No				
6. Streamflow characteristics	No				
7. Marine or estuarine resources	No				
8. Floodplains or wetlands	No				

<b>Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources</b>	<b>No Effect</b>	<b>Negligible Effects</b>	<b>Minor Effects</b>	<b>Exceeds Minor Effects</b>	<b>Data Needed to Determine/Notes</b>
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.					
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				The visitor experience will be enhanced by a uniform fence appearance and clear wayfinding directions.
18. Archeological resources	No				Yosemite Valley Archeological District.
19. Prehistoric/historic structure	No				

<b>Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources</b>	<b>No Effect</b>	<b>Negligible Effects</b>	<b>Minor Effects</b>	<b>Exceeds Minor Effects</b>	<b>Data Needed to Determine/Notes</b>
20. Cultural landscapes		Negligible			Yosemite Valley 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.					
29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	No				

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30. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	No				

**C. MANDATORY CRITERIA**

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

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

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

1. Are personnel preparing this form familiar with the site? Yes
2. Did personnel conduct a site visit? No
3. Is the project in an approved plan such as a General Management Plan or an Implementation Plan with an accompanying NEPA document? No
4. Are there any interested or affected agencies or parties? Yes
5. Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? Yes
6. Are there any connected, cumulative, or similar actions as part of the proposed action? No





## PARK ESF ADDENDUM

**Today's Date:** March 16, 2011

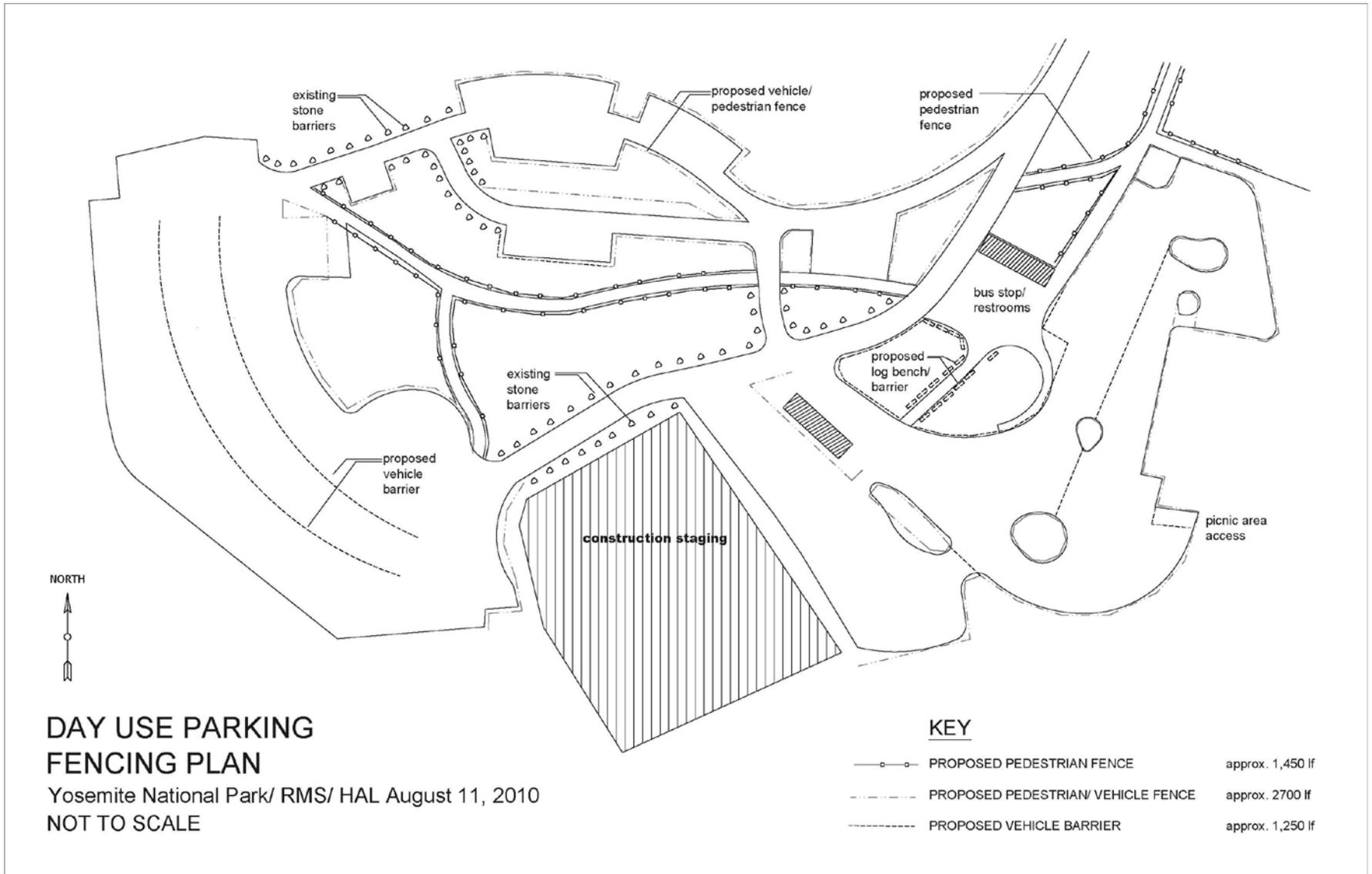
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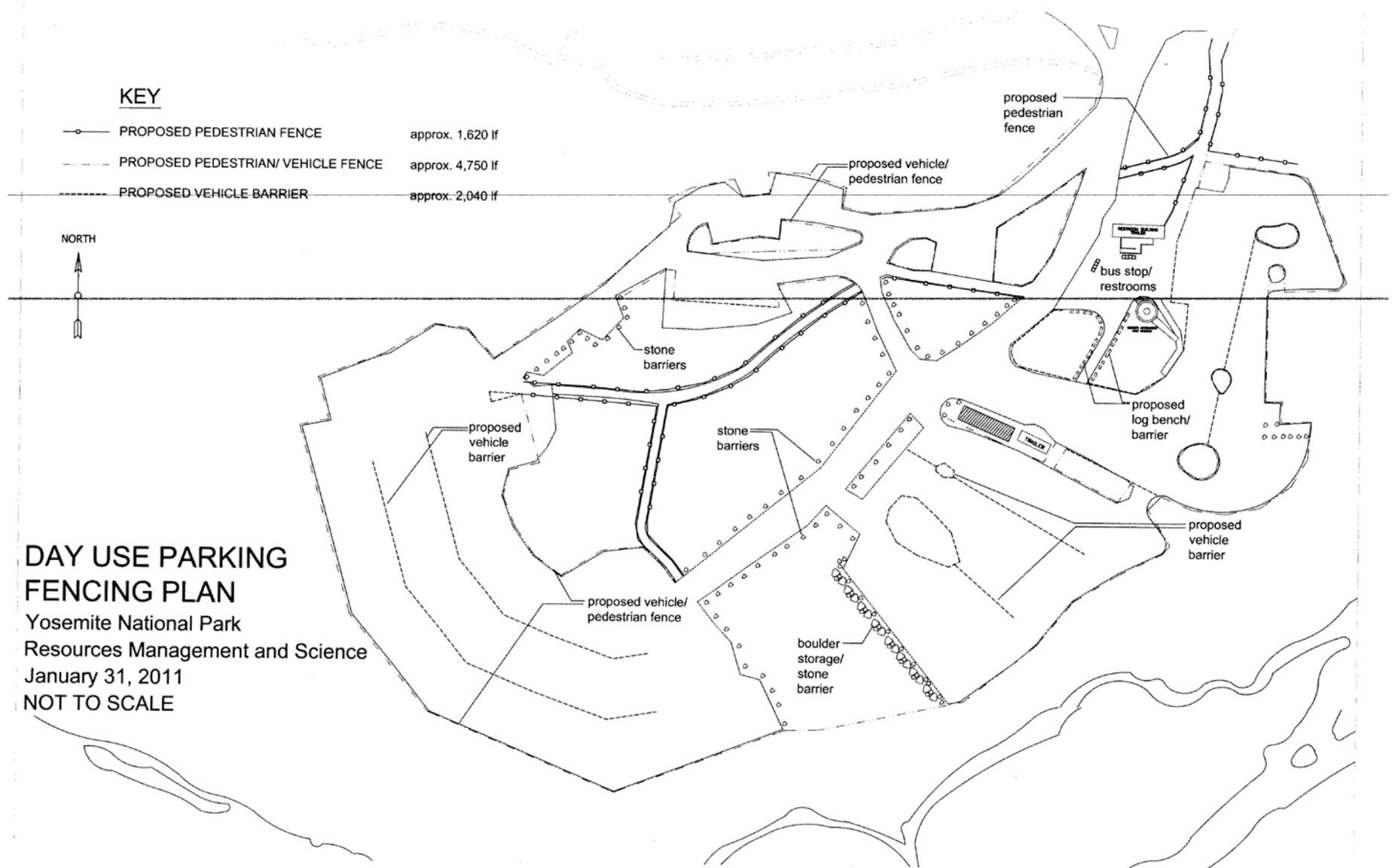
### PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	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			Each fence post will be buried in hole 12 inches in diameter and 30 inches deep.
Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?	Yes			
Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?	Yes			There may be up to 640 feet of additional fence installed; this project's goal is to unify the Camp 6 fence design.
Has a National Register form been completed?		No		

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? (Name the river corridor)	Yes			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			
<b>WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST</b>				
Within designated Wilderness?		No		
Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		No		

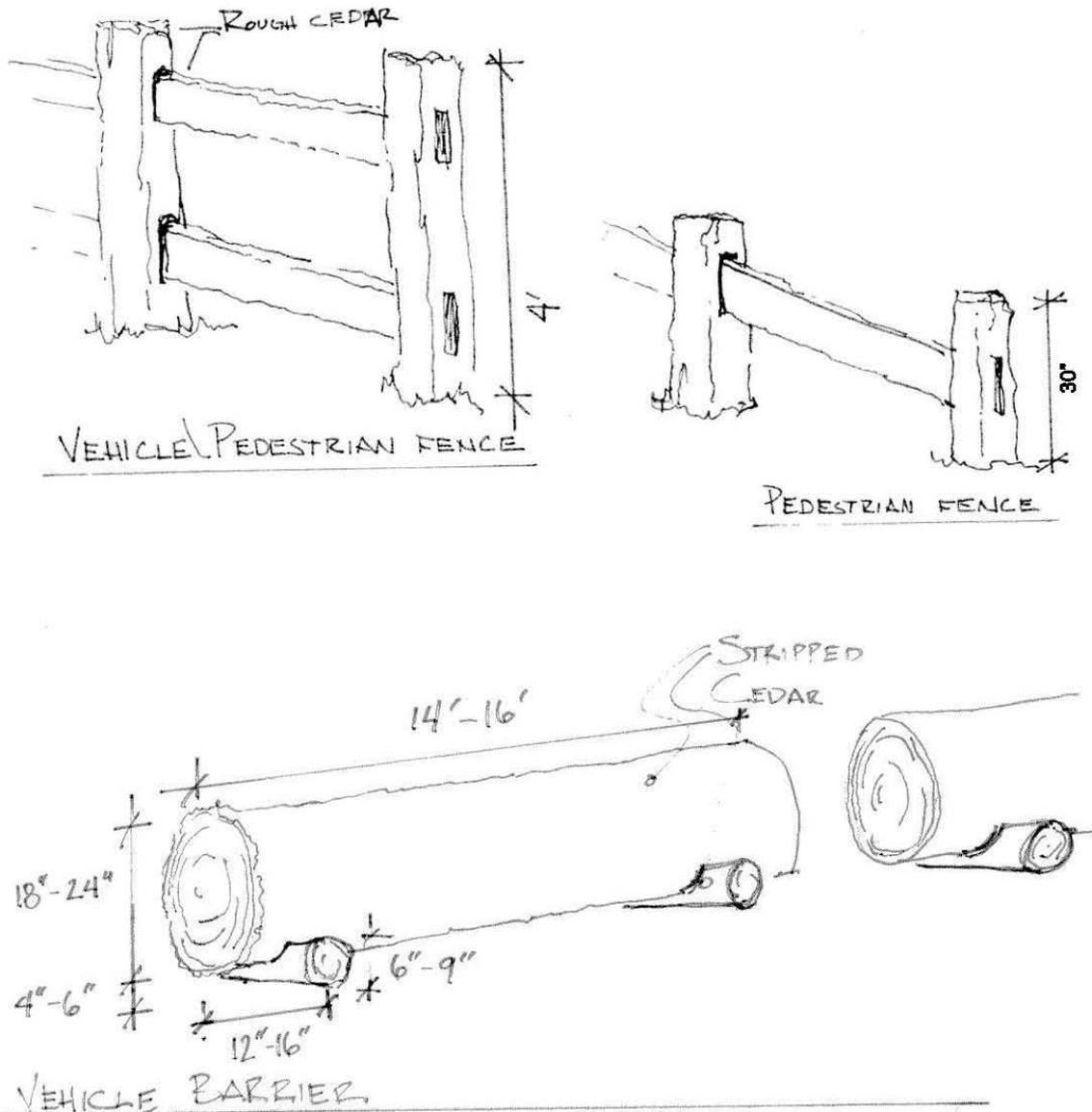


Existing Site Configuration



**DAY USE PARKING  
FENCING PLAN**  
Yosemite National Park  
Resources Management and Science  
January 31, 2011  
NOT TO SCALE

Proposed Site Configuration



## DAY USE PARKING FENCING PLAN

Yosemite National Park/ RMS/ January 11, 2011  
NOT TO SCALE



## ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

**Project Name:** 2011-002 Camp 6 Restoration Fence Replacement

**Prepared by:** Barbara Wyatt    **Date Prepared:** 04/13/2011    **Telephone:** 379-1322

**PEPC Project Number:** 34698

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

No

Yes

Source or reference:

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 Resource(s):**

Yosemite Valley Archeological District Yosemite Valley Historic District

**Archeological resources affected?**

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Archeological District

1 - Listed in Register and documented

Notes: No known sites in the vicinity.

**Historical structures/resources affected?**

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Historic District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

**Cultural landscapes affected?**

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Historic District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

5. **The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)**

Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

Replace historic features/elements in kind

- No Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
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- 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  
 No 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,  
 No or archeological or ethnographic resources
- No Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)
- X Other (please specify): - Replace existing non-historic fencing with park standard fencing style.
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**6. Supporting Study Data:**

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

**B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**

**The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:**

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[ X ] Archeologist  
Name: Laura Kirn  
Date: 03/04/2011

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [  ]  
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)]

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[ X ] Anthropologist  
Name: Jennifer Hardin  
Date: 04/04/2011

Comments: No documented TCPs or other ethnographic resources affected.

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

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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[ X ] Historical Landscape Architect  
Name: David Humphrey  
Date: 02/23/2011  
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

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No Reviews From: Curator, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor

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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. Documentation Method:**

A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

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

APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria  
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

C. 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: 1999 Programmatic Agreement

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:  
(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

**D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:**

Acting Historic Preservation Officer

Barbara Wyatt                \\Barbara Wyatt\\                Date 4-20-11

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL**

**The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.**

Signature

Superintendent:           \\Don L. Neubacher\\                Date: 4-20-11  
Don Neubacher

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