

Yosemite National Park 2011 Annual Report for Undertakings Reviewed under the National Historic Preservation Act

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Programmatic Agreement
Among The National Park Service at Yosemite,
The California State Historic Preservation Officer,
and The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation
Regarding Planning, Design, Construction, Operations And Maintenance,
Yosemite National Park, California (1999)

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Stipulation XVIII of the *1999 Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service at Yosemite, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Planning, Design, Construction, Operations and Maintenance, Yosemite National Park, California* (1999 PA), the park is required to prepare a report summarizing its efforts to carry out its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) as specified in the 1999 PA. The park prepares these reports on an annual basis which include, at a minimum:

- a list of no effect and no adverse effect actions carried out in accordance with the Programmatic Agreement¹;
- efforts to identify and/or evaluate potential historic properties;
- monitoring efforts, and,
- the treatment of historic properties.

In addition, this report includes a summary of projects completed under the *2008 Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service (U.S. Department of Interior), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (2008 PA)* (2008 nationwide PA) and through the standard four-step process as outlined in 36 CFR 800. This report also describes the park's activities to identify and protect cultural resources to implement Section 110 of the NHPA.

CULTURAL RESOURCE PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE

Yosemite National Park uses a comprehensive approach to fulfilling its responsibilities under the 1999 PA. The park coordinates planning, construction, operations, and maintenance project reviews in accordance with the NHPA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process as outlined in the 1999 PA. The park conducts evaluation of proposed projects for potential effects on cultural resources by using the National Park Service (NPS) Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) program. This program facilitates the organization, internal review, public commenting, and comment analysis of documents throughout the planning process for each project. Completed NEPA and NHPA Section 106-related documents (with confidential information withheld) are posted online on the park's public PEPC webpage at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose>.

Yosemite maintains a staff of professionals in a range of cultural resource fields who are qualified to review projects and determine whether there are potential adverse effects on cultural resources at the earliest stages of project development. For example, park staff includes individuals with expertise in curation, archeology, anthropology, historic architecture, and historic landscape architecture. Some of Yosemite's cultural resource specialists have specific responsibilities for review of routine management

¹ The terms "no effect" and "no adverse effect" are quoted as they appear in the 1999 Programmatic Agreement. The regulations have since been revised; the current terminology is "no historic properties effected."

projects that could have effects on cultural resources, such as the Fire Archeologist, who evaluates the effects of prescribed burns. This ensures that common management activities receive appropriate, timely evaluation by cultural resource experts.

Within the Resource Management and Science Division, there are two cultural resource branches: the Anthropology, Archeology, and Cultural Resource Branch and the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Branch. Both branches implement Yosemite National Park’s responsibilities under Section 110 of the NHPA to identify and protect cultural resources including on-going research and documentation of Yosemite’s long, complex history of human occupation and use.

A list of all of the park’s CRM staff is provided in Table 1 (below) and includes members of the Pacific West Regional staff of the National Park Service who are also available to assist Yosemite personnel as needed.

Table 1: Yosemite Cultural Resource Staff, 2011

Barbara Wyatt	Acting Historic Preservation Officer
Kimball Koch*	Acting Historic Preservation Officer
Rod Kennec	Historic Preservation Specialist
Dave Humphrey	Historical Landscape Architect
Daniel Schaible	Historical Landscape Architect
Kevin McCardle*	Historical Landscape Architect
Shawn Lingo	Historical Architect
Gabrielle Harlan*	Historical Architect
Laura Kirn*	Branch Chief, Anthropology and Archeology
Jun Kinoshita	Project Archeologist for Fire Management Program
Paul DePascale	Project Archeologist for Trails Program
Scott Jackson	Project Archeologist
Sonny Montague*	Project Archeologist for Wilderness Program
Jennifer Hardin*	Cultural Anthropologist/American Indian Liaison
Jonathan Bayless	Park Curator
Brenna Lissoway	Acting Archivist
<i>NPS Pacific West Region</i>	
Barbara Beroza	Curator of Collections
Paul Rogers	Archivist
Cathy Gilbert	Historical Landscape Architect
David Louter	Historian
Laurin Huffman	Historical Architect
Erica Owens	Historical Architect

Kirstin Haertel	Archeologist
Fred York, Ph.D.	Anthropologist
Elaine Jackson-Retondo	Architectural Historian, National Historic Landmark Coordinator

* Identifies park cultural resource management team as required by 2008 Nationwide PA.

2011 COMPLETED PROJECT REVIEWS AND PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The majority of projects proposed in 2011 were evaluated under the Yosemite National Park 1999 PA rather than the 2008 Nationwide PA. However, both the 2008 Nationwide PA and the Standard 4-Step process outlined in 36 CFR 800 were also used on a limited basis for select projects.

In 2011, 46 projects completed the environmental planning and compliance processes in Yosemite (Appendix A). Of those, the majority were evaluated under the 1999 PA. The remaining projects were completed under either the standard 4-step method, the 2008 Nationwide PA, or were determined to have no historic properties affected.

Nearly all of Yosemite National Park's projects that had compliance completed in 2011 were determined to have no adverse effect on historic properties. Several projects required additional evaluation and public review, which was coordinated through an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS). The most significant among these projects completed in 2011 are described below. In addition, the text below highlights some of the work completed at the park's National Historic Landmarks as well as consultations with the SHPO completed pursuant to Section 110 of the NHPA to determine eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Sites nominated for listing on the National Register are also listed below. In addition, the text below summarizes evaluations and reports documenting cultural resources completed as part of the preparation for a project as well as to fulfill its obligations under Section 110 of the NHPA.

The Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark Comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan

The park has an ongoing planning effort for the long-term rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee (a National Historic Landmark). After more than 80 years in service, facilities at The Ahwahnee are not fully compliant with current fire protection and building codes, recommended seismic safety practices, and accessibility codes and guidelines. Given the significance of The Ahwahnee and its surroundings, consultation with the SHPO, tribes and groups, and ACHP occurred in 2010 and 2011. On January 24, 2011, the park and SHPO executed a *Programmatic Agreement between the National Park Service, Yosemite National Park and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark Comprehensive Rehabilitation Program, Mariposa County, California*. This programmatic agreement was developed given the long-term, phased nature of the comprehensive rehabilitation of the National Historic Landmark.

The SHPO agreed to an expedited schedule for one component of the plan due to the immediate nature of the life-safety concerns that part of the project was designed to address. As a result, work on construction of secondary egress from the upper floors of the east wing of the hotel began in early 2011

following comments from SHPO on egress design documents. Construction of the egress was completed in March 2011.

In May 2011, the park provided SHPO with the 100% schematic designs for all actions within the comprehensive rehabilitation plan. In July 2011, the park requested expedited review of further design documents for providing a secondary egress from the second floor mezzanine rooms (through the Tresidder Room). SHPO agreed to an expedited review and had no comment on the 50% construction documents other than salvaging existing stone veneer for reuse which the park confirmed would occur.

The park completed Historic American Buildings Survey photographic documentation of various areas of The Ahwahnee per stipulation IV.A of the programmatic agreement prior to the start of rehabilitation work. These photos have been temporarily deposited in the Yosemite archives; the park will develop the associated written documentation for submittal to the Library of Congress.

Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark Main Building Restrooms Accessibility

In October, 2011, Yosemite staff sought concurrence from the on a project to make minor accessibility improvements to the restroom and shower-rooms on the second floor of the Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark. The park also replaced old, worn fixtures with new, more sustainable ones with a style and finishes more compatible with the historic character of the hotel. Park cultural resources staff determined that the project had no adverse effect on the National Historic Landmark. Concurrence from SHPO was received in February 2012. The provisions of Section 106 for this project were met through streamlined review as set out in the 2008 Nationwide PA.

Scenic Vista Management Plan

The Scenic Vista Management Plan outlines a systematic program for documenting, protecting, and reestablishing Yosemite's important vistas, consistent with the natural processes and human influences that created them. The plan will help to reestablish and maintain important historic and scenic views through restoring natural species composition, structure, and function by using, among other methods, traditional American Indian vegetation management practices. An environmental assessment for this project was released in August 2010 and a copy was sent to the SHPO for review at that time. The Finding of No Significant Impacts decision for the project was signed in July 2011. The NPS made the determination of no adverse effect of the Selected Alternative on historic properties in accordance with the 1999 PA.

Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation

The park released the environmental assessment for the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation to the public for review and comment in 2010. On June 22, 2011, the Finding of No Significant Impacts decision for the plan was approved including a no adverse effect determination per NHPA. The plan will guide repair and rehabilitation of the ski lodge, which has deteriorated over time through a combination of environmental stress, heavy use and inadequate drainage, all of which have damaged the structural integrity of the building. The first alpine ski lodge in California and exemplar of NPS rustic style

architecture, the Badger Pass Lodge is an important contributing feature to the Badger Pass Ski Area historic site within the Glacier Point Road Historic District. Section 106 compliance for this project was met through the 1999 PA.

Determinations of Eligibility for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places

The park also consulted with SHPO to determine eligibility for listing for the following sites on the National Register of Historic Places:

- Tioga Road Historic District – Request for concurrence on DOE from SHPO on November 16, 2011

Nominations for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places

The park submitted the following nominations to SHPO requesting concurrence for listing on the National Register:

- Multiple Property Nomination for the following structures:
Buck Camp Patrol Cabin, Frog Creek Cabin, Lake Vernon Snow Survey Cabin, Merced Lake Ranger Station, Miguel Meadow Fireguard Cabin, Lake Sachse Springs Snow Survey Cabin, Snow Creek Ski Hut, and Snow Flat Snow Survey Cabin – Request for concurrence on nomination, November 9, 2011
- Half Dome Cables and Trail – Submitted draft nomination for review and concurrence in November 2011

Historic Structure Reports and Cultural Landscape Reports and Inventories

As part of Yosemite's efforts to protect the cultural resources found within the park, staff and contractors conduct studies to provide the necessary information to help guide their management. During 2011, several of these reports documenting the general background, characteristics, conditions, and potential treatment of cultural resources in Yosemite National Park were completed by park staff and qualified contractors. These documents included the following Historic Structures Reports and cultural landscape reports:

- The Ahwahnee Hotel historic structure report
- The Ahwahnee Hotel cultural landscape report
- Curry Village Cabins historic structure report
- El Portal Old Schoolhouse historic structure report
- Hill Studio historic structure report
- Rangers Club historic structure report
- White Wolf Lodge Main Building and Duplex Cabins historic structure report

ONGOING PROJECTS

In 2011, the two largest on-going projects in the planning process were the Draft Merced River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Merced River Plan) and the Draft Tuolumne River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Tuolumne River Plan). Work also began on a third, large-scale planning project, the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The required NHPA Section 106 public review for these projects will be coordinated with the NEPA process. Yosemite staff anticipates on-going work to develop and finalize these plans over the next several years. The SHPO and others, such as tribal governments, the ACHP, and other parties as appropriate will be consulted throughout plan development. Highlights of these and other on-going projects are provided below.

The Merced River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Merced River Plan)

The Merced River Plan will outline the management strategy for the 81 miles of the Merced River within Yosemite National Park that are designated as Wild and Scenic under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA). (The plan also covers the El Portal Administrative Site.) The Merced River Plan will provide guidance for the protection and enhancement of river values and will manage use within the river corridor for the next 20 years. The Merced River Plan will be designed to protect the Merced River's free-flowing condition and the unique values that have made the celebrated river worthy of special protection under the WSRA. Given the scope, long-term nature, and potential adverse effects of the plan, the park will consult with the SHPO, ACHP, tribes and groups, and other consulting parties. Compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA for this plan will likely be managed under a plan-specific agreement, rather than the 1999 PA because of the complexity and long-term nature of the plan.

The Tuolumne River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Tuolumne River Plan)

In 1984, the U.S. Congress designated some 83 miles of the Tuolumne River as Wild and Scenic; 54 of those miles fall within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park. When complete, the Tuolumne River Plan will outline the necessary actions to protect and enhance the river's outstanding values for the next 20 or more years. The park anticipates that compliance with Section 106 requirements will be met through the 1999 PA.

Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

The primary purpose of the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is to develop a management plan to identify and guide projects for this portion of the park which will reduce current activities that are altering natural systems, degrading its cultural and natural resources, and affecting the quality of the visitor experience. Park staff anticipates that this plan will be in preparation for the next several years. The park initiated consultation with the SHPO and other agencies and tribes in late

September 2011. Compliance with NHPA requirements for the project will be met as outlined in the standard 4-step process (36 CFR 800).

Tioga Road Rehabilitation Project

The Tioga Road Rehabilitation project is a multi-year project to restore and resurface 41 miles of this scenic route (from Crane Flat to the Blue Slide area near the eastern edge of Tuolumne Meadows) through Yosemite while maintaining its historic character. The project will also make numerous safety improvements to the roadway and reduce impacts to cultural and natural resources by improving drainage, removing informal turnouts and replacing them with better designed, clearly designated turnouts. The environmental assessment for the project was released in August 2011. Per a letter dated November 16, 2011, the park contacted SHPO requesting concurrence on the Determination of Eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The park is awaiting a response from SHPO.

White Wolf Lodge and Duplex Cabin Rehabilitation

Consultation with the SHPO for the White Wolf Lodge and Duplex Cabin Rehabilitation project was initiated in August 2011. The main components of the project include repairs to deteriorating and leaking foundation, improvements to site drainage, and upgrades to outdated electrical and plumbing systems. The request for consultation sought concurrence on the area of potential effects. The letter also notified SHPO that a historic structure report was in preparation as one of the preliminary steps in project development. The historic structure report was completed in April 2011. In its response in November 2011, the SHPO agreed that the project constitutes an undertaking and it concurred with the area of potential effects identified by the park. The SHPO suggested managing the consultation process for this project under 36 CFR Part 800, rather than under the provisions of the 1999 PA. The park anticipates releasing the environmental assessment for the project for public review in 2012.

Ansel Adams Gallery Complex Comprehensive Rehabilitation

Yosemite National Park staff initiated consultation with the SHPO seeking concurrence on the area of potential effects for the proposed comprehensive rehabilitation of the Ansel Adams Gallery Complex in early November 2011. The plan will guide much needed repairs to all of the buildings in the complex and improve accessibility for visitors. The park is preparing an environmental assessment anticipated for release for public review in 2013. Other minor projects at the complex that completed compliance in 2011 are listed in Appendix A.

Curry Village Rock Fall Hazard Zone Structures Project

In 2008, due to safety reasons, Yosemite National Park permanently closed some visitor accommodations in Curry Village following rockfall events. Seventy-two structures (the majority of which are historic, hard-sided cabins) are currently located within the rockfall hazard zone, an area now closed-off to the public. The Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Structures Environmental Assessment analyzes options for the future of the remaining closed structures.

The park consulted with SHPO in 2011 regarding the project's area of potential effects and opportunities to avoid, mitigate, or minimize adverse effects on historic properties. The environmental assessment was released for public review in August 2011. After a determination that the preferred alternative would have an adverse effect, the park entered into discussions with SHPO regarding the development of a memorandum of agreement. The park also notified the ACHP that the undertaking had the potential to have an adverse effect. The ACHP declined to participate in consultation for the project in 2009 and the park confirmed this decision in 2011. On December 20, 2011, the park sent the SHPO a *Memorandum of Agreement between the National Park Service and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Mitigation, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County, California*. The document was signed by SHPO and thus executed on December 28, 2011. The park submitted a copy of the final memorandum of agreement to the ACHP. The MOA outlines the process by which the buildings will be appropriately documented (photographed and mapped) and specifies a timeline and process for revising the Yosemite Valley and Curry Village Historic District nominations as well as other mitigations. The park will begin addressing the mitigation stipulations within the MOA and implement removal of the structures in 2012.

Half Dome Trail Stewardship Plan

In August 2011, Yosemite requested consultation and concurrence on the area of potential effect and a no adverse effect determination for the Half Dome Trail Stewardship plan. The plan provides guidance for better ways to manage visitor use, improve safety, and protect natural and cultural resources on the Half Dome Trail. In a response by email on November 1, 2011, SHPO concurred with the no adverse effect determination. In a November 4 response, the SHPO acknowledged receipt of a nomination package to consider listing the Half Dome Cables and Trail to the National Register of Historic Places and agreed to review the document and forward the nomination if the materials were complete and the property met the National Register criteria. In a letter on November 14, 2011, the SHPO requested additional information to support the nomination. The park anticipates submitting the nomination to the Keeper in 2012.

ANTICIPATED CONSULTATION

Continued Consultation

- Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan
- Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan
- Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
- Ansel Adams Gallery Comprehensive Rehabilitation
- White Wolf Lodge and Duplex Cabin Rehabilitation Plan
- Ahwahnee Hotel Comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan, (East Wing Egress)

New Projects

In addition to consultations for the on-going projects described above, the following projects are planned to start in 2012:

- Wawona Hotel HVAC upgrade
- South Entrance Station Kiosk Replacement

Determinations of Eligibility

- Mariposa Grove Historic District Amendment

National Register Nominations

Park staff anticipates moving forward with nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for the following:

- Half Dome Cables and Trail
- A multiple property nomination for several of the High Sierra Camps (Glen Aulin, May Lake, Merced Lake, Sunrise, Tuolumne Meadows, and Vogelsang).

Historic Structures Reports and Cultural Landscape Inventories and Reports

Park staff anticipates initiating or continuing the development of cultural landscape inventories and historic structures reports and cultural landscape reports for the properties listed below. Review and concurrence will be requested as required or final copies will be submitted.

- Wawona Hotel Complex Historic Structure Report and Wawona Hotel Complex Cultural Landscape Report
- Emergency Services Complex Historic Structure Report
- Administrative Building Historic Structure Report

Pacific West Region office staff is working on cultural landscape inventories for the Wawona Valley area.

ARCHEOLOGICAL PROGRAM

Park archeologists continuously work with park staff to avoid and minimize impacts to park resources. In 2011, archeologists conducted condition assessments, surveyed, monitored, completed testing, and completed site documentation for a variety projects. Work on a few highlighted projects included the following:

- Backcountry trails monitoring
- Fuels and wildland fire monitoring
- Merced River Plan areas survey/documentation
- Mariposa Grove Restoration Project
- Tenaya Lake subsurface survey and monitoring

- Ansel Adams Gallery Rehabilitation
- Lost Arrow Dormitory

STATUS OF ACTIVE AGREEMENTS

The following describes how the park is meeting the requirements of its active agreements with SHPO and other consulting parties:

Programmatic Agreement between the National Park Service, Yosemite National Park and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark Comprehensive Rehabilitation Program, Mariposa County, California (2011). Per Stipulation IV.A.1 of the 2011 programmatic agreement, the park has initiated Historic American Buildings Survey photographic documentation of The Ahwahnee hotel and cottages and anticipates completing the photos in 2012. The park has coordinated with the NPS Pacific West Region and will complete written documentation per the region's June 2011 documentation stipulation letter. The park will submit a copy of the photographic and written documentation to SHPO once complete (anticipated in 2014).

Memorandum of Agreement Among the National Park Service, California State Historic Preservation Regarding the Demolition, Relocation, and Rehabilitation of all Components of the Merced River Hydroelectric Generating System, executed in 1986 (1986 MOA). The remaining obligation is submittal of the revised National Register form to the SHPO, ACHP, and the Keeper of the National Register, as directed in Stipulation VII of the 1986 MOA. A revised National Register form was submitted to SHPO in February 2007, requesting review and return with suggested revisions by April 2007. The integration of the required revisions into the National Register form is awaiting funds to support the effort.

AMERICAN INDIAN CONSULTATION

Yosemite National Park conducts American Indian consultation in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, Native American Graves and Repatriation Act, the American Indian Freedom of Religion Act, Executive Orders, the NPS Director's Orders, and *2006 NPS Management Policies*. The tribes traditionally associated with Yosemite are the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc. (also known as the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation), the Bishop Paiute Tribe, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika^a, the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians. Consultations occur regularly throughout the year.

Yosemite National Park has cooperative agreements with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians. It is anticipated that a cooperative agreement will be executed with the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians in the future. The primary purpose of the cooperative agreements is to provide a vehicle to transfer funding that provides financial assistance enabling tribal representatives to participate in the protection of resources to which they attach cultural and religious significance during park planning, projects, and programs.

During 2011, Yosemite National Park continued to build its relationships with its traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups. The park helped to organize and facilitate the Annual All Tribes Meeting and held formal and informal tribal consultations and site visits.

Annual All Tribes Meeting

The 2011 Annual All Tribes Meeting was held on August 24, 2011, at Wawona and was attended by representatives from all of the traditional associated American Indian tribes and groups. These annual meetings provide an opportunity for the tribes to discuss common issues and coordinate on shared goals; they also offer a chance for Yosemite staff to build rapport with tribal representatives and identify possible projects of mutual interest. During the 2011 meeting, park staff briefed the tribes on existing cooperative agreements between the tribes and the park, the cultural monitoring program, and ways to facilitate easy access to and from the park for tribal members.

Site Visits and Tribal Monitoring

The Park worked closely with its associated tribes to ensure that all projects, especially those involving construction or other ground-disturbing activities, are carefully reviewed and actively monitored by qualified tribal monitors. The park established the following cultural monitoring task agreements in 2011:

- Cultural monitoring and support for site investigation for Ansel Adams Gallery Rehabilitation (American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc.)
- Completion of cultural monitoring for Chinquapin water system rehabilitation (North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California)
- Completion of cultural monitoring for Yosemite Valley utilities projects (American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc.)
- Inventory and documentation in support of Restoration of the Mariposa Grove (American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc.)
- Subsurface survey and monitoring support for Tenaya Lake Restoration (American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc.)

Consultation Process

The park developed and implemented a new government-to-government tribal consultation process to address categorically excluded projects and projects evaluated through environmental assessments or environmental impact statements that may affect cultural resources with traditional cultural or religious significance to traditionally associated American Indians. Under this process, Tribal Consultation Project Review lists are transmitted to Tribal Chairs and official consultation representatives on a regular basis for 30-day review, comment, and additional consultation or site visits, if requested.

Indian Cultural Center

The 1980 Yosemite GMP authorized development of the Wauhoga Indian Cultural Center in partnership with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County for the purpose of providing a place for park associated American Indians to practice traditional ceremonies and share their culture with the public.

The Park continued to work with the tribes, recognizing the American Indian Council of Mariposa County as the lead entity on the development the Wahhoga Indian Cultural Center in Yosemite Valley.

REPORT DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with Stipulation XVIII of the 1999 PA, copies of this report are being sent concurrently to all signatories and parties that were invited to concur on the 1999 PA. The report will also be available for public inspection in the Yosemite Archives and at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/YOSE_NHPAannualreports.

APPENDIX A: 2011 COMPLIANCE COMPLETED PROJECTS

Project Name	Supt. Approval Date	Assessment of Effect	Documentation Method	Historical Landscape Architect	Historical Architect	Archeologist	Anthropologist
Ahwahnee Rehabilitate Historic Light Fixtures	1/5/2011	No Adverse Effect	Streamlined Review (PA) ²	Yes	Yes	-	-
Ansel Adams Gallery, Retail Space Upgrades	1/21/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ansel Adams Building 904 Residence Upgrades and Repairs	1/24/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ahwahnee Comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan ³	1/24/2011	Adverse Effect	Standard 4-Step Process	-	-	-	-
Wapama Falls Bridge and Rancheria Falls Bridge Rehabilitation	1/25/2011	No Historic Properties Affected	No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuolumne Meadows Concessionaire Stables Fence Modification	1/25/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

² 1. Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties

³ Also required consultation with park curator.

Project Name	Supt. Approval Date	Assessment of Effect	Documentation Method	Historical Landscape Architect	Historical Architect	Archeologist	Anthropologist
Ahwahnee Hotel Kitchen FRP Board Installation	2/4/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	-	-
Valley Loop Trail (from Lower Yosemite Falls to Church Bowl) Rehabilitation	2/4/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Bridalveil Falls Vault Toilet Ventilation & Interior Lighting System Installation	2/15/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wawona Hotel Main Building Restrooms ADA Renovation	3/16/2011	No Adverse Effect	Streamlined Review (PA) ⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Yellow Pine Information Sign Installation	4/1/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Camp 6 Restoration Fence Replacement	4/19/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Heness Ridge to South Entrance Commercial Hauling	5/11/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

Project Name	Supt. Approval Date	Assessment of Effect	Documentation Method	Historical Landscape Architect	Historical Architect	Archeologist	Anthropologist
2011 Commercial Use Authorization - Stock Use	5/16/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-
Tuolumne Meadows Tent Cabin Improvement	5/18/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Village Replace Cooling Tower	5/25/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parkwide - Replace Concessionaire Roofs	6/10/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Merced Lake High Sierra Camp Ecological Restoration Project	6/29/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Valley Residences 79, 81, & 82 Propane Tank Installation	6/29/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment	6/30/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	-	-	-	-
Hodgdon Meadow Wastewater Improvements	7/8/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes

Project Name	Supt. Approval Date	Assessment of Effect	Documentation Method	Historical Landscape Architect	Historical Architect	Archeologist	Anthropologist
Yosemite Creek Campground Vault Toilet Installation	7/14/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Curry Village, Relocate Nine Guest Tent Cabins	7/15/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunrise High Sierra Camp Septic System & Grease Interceptor Replacement	7/25/2011	No Historic Properties Affected	No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuolumne Meadows Campground Accessibility Improvements	8/3/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Curry Village Stable, Install Feed Storage Container	8/4/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Tuolumne Meadow Installation of Meadow Monitoring Equipment for Ecological Restoration	8/4/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
East Valley Utilities Improvement Plan - Odor Control Building	8/12/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-
Lake Vernon Snow Survey Cabin Maintenance	8/12/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

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Ahwahnee - Provide Secondary Egress from Mezzanine, 5th and 6th Floors	8/12/2011	Adverse Effect	Standard 4-Step Process	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wawona Residence 4190 Water Line Installation	8/28/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Parkwide Utility Security & Screening	9/22/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
2011 Yosemite Facelift Special Projects	9/22/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Wawona Washburn, Clark, and Annex Roof Replacement	9/22/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Park-wide Programmatic Yosemite Facelift Volunteer Event	9/28/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Commercial Use Authorization - Camping Trailer Delivery	11/2/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Sparling Ranch Donation	11/2/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes

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Mariposa Grove Remote Access Weather Station Replacement with Standard Weather Tower	11/30/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Housekeeping Camp - Install ADA Compliant Path of Travel	12/5/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Village Replace Electrical Main to Concessionaire General Offices	12/5/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Valley DNC Guest and Residential Facilities Fire Safety Upgrade	12/5/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Lodge and Yosemite Village ADA Upgrades	12/7/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
South Entrance Station Reestablish Exit Lane	12/12/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Parkwide Visitor Restroom ADA Upgrade	12/15/2011	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Wawona Town Planning Area Specific Plan Update	12/16/2011	No Historic Properties Affected	No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]	Yes	-	-	-

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Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Structures Project Environmental Assessment	12/28/2011	Adverse Effect	Standard 4-Step Process	-	-	-	-