

Yosemite National Park 2012 Annual Report for Undertakings Reviewed under the National Historic Preservation Act

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 PA¹;
- efforts to identify and/or evaluate potential historic properties;
- monitoring efforts; and,
- the treatment of historic properties.

In addition, this report provides 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 Nationwide PA)* and through the standard four-step process as outlined in 36 CFR 800. The 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 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 106-related documents (with confidential information withheld) are posted online on the park's public Planning, Environment, and Public Comment 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 archeology, anthropology, historic architecture, and historic landscape architecture. Some of Yosemite's cultural resource specialists have specific responsibilities for review of routine management projects

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

that could have effects on cultural resources, such as the Fire Archeologist, who evaluates projects such as prescribed burns. This ensures that common management activities receive appropriate, timely evaluation by cultural resource experts. The park's Anthropology, Archeology, and Cultural Resource Branch and the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Branch also implement Yosemite National Park's responsibilities under Section 110 of the NHPA to identify and protect cultural resources. Staff from these branches engages in 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); it also 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, 2012

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
Paul Stephens	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	Anthropologist
Elaine Jackson-Retondo	Architectural Historian, National Historic Landmark Coordinator

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

2012 COMPLETED PROJECT REVIEWS AND PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The majority of projects proposed in 2012 were evaluated under the Yosemite National Park 1999 PA rather than the *2008 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service (US Department of the 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 Nationwide PA). The standard four-step process outlined in the NHPA (36 CFR 800) was also used for select projects as requested by SHPO; this year, no projects used the 2008 Nationwide PA to meet the requirements of Section 106 review.

In 2012, 25 projects completed the environmental planning and compliance processes in Yosemite. Of those, all but one project were evaluated under the 1999 PA. The 24 remaining projects were determined to have no adverse effect. All projects that completed compliance requirements in 2012 are listed in Appendix A.

Nearly all of the park's projects evaluated in 2012 were determined to have No Adverse Effect per NHPA based on the best professional judgment of park staff and were categorically excluded per NEPA. Review and evaluation of one project, Tioga Road Rehabilitation, was completed through an environmental assessment. The most significant projects completed or in progress in 2012 are described below.

The text below also 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 obligations under Section 110 of the NHPA.

Tioga Road Rehabilitation Project

The Tioga Road Rehabilitation project is a multi-year effort 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 and protecting natural resources. The project will make numerous safety improvements to the roadway and reduce impacts to cultural and natural resources by resurfacing the roadway and restoring its shoulder, 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 and the decision document, a finding of no significant impact, was approved in October 2012. The park contacted SHPO in a letter on November 16, 2011, requesting concurrence on the determination of eligibility for listing the Tioga Road as an Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO responded via letter in February 2012,

concurring with the determination of eligibility, and on contributing and non-contributing features. The letter also encouraged park staff to pursue additional information on one feature, a mortared stone headwall for a culvert, which was later added to the list of contributing features of the district. Compliance with Section 106 requirements were met through the park's 1999 PA. On April 5, 2012, the park consulted with SHPO regarding the use of standard mitigation measures. On November 2, 2012, SHPO responded that they had no objections to the use of standard mitigation measures for the adverse effect to the Tioga Road Historic District.

Curry Village Rock Fall Hazard Zone Structures Project

In 2010, the park initiated the Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Structures Project/Environmental Assessment to address the remaining seventy-two structures (the majority of which are historic, hard-sided cabins) located within the rockfall hazard zone. After a determination that the preferred alternative would have an adverse effect, the park began discussions with SHPO regarding the development of a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The park also notified the ACHP that the undertaking had the potential to have an adverse effect, however, the ACHP declined to participate in consultation for the project; the park reconfirmed this decision in 2011 during consultation on the MOA with SHPO. 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 MOA to 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 stipulations. In 2012, the park began the removal of the structures and began implementation of the mitigation measures stipulated in the MOA. (Please refer to the section below on the Status of Active Agreements for additional information).

Wawona Hotel Complex HVAC and Hot Water System Improvements

In October 2012, the park completed compliance for a project to provide a comprehensive upgrade of the Wawona Hotel Complex's heating and hot water system. Under this project, new equipment will be installed in replacement of the aging heating system that serves the six hotel complex buildings (including the main hotel building). The design for the project meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation and Treatment of Historic Properties and was guided by recommendations from cultural landscape and historic structure reports. On May 9, 2012, the park notified the SHPO that it intended to complete Section 106 review under the 1999 PA. (In January 2013, the SHPO responded that it had no objection to using the 1999 PA to implement this undertaking.)

Half Dome Trail Stewardship Plan

In December 2012, the park completed compliance 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 cables and trail. In 2011, consultation with SHPO included a request for concurrence on the area of potential effect, the no adverse effect determination, and a request to

review a nomination to place the Half Dome Cables and Trail on the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination was reviewed by SHPO and forwarded to the Keeper for consideration. The park was notified by SHPO on September 6, 2012 that the Half Dome Cables and Trail were placed on the National Register on August 15, 2012

National Register of Historic Places

The following property in Yosemite was added to the National Register of Historic Places in August 2012:

- Half Dome Cables and Trail

Determinations of Eligibility

The park evaluated several locations for their historic significance and sought concurrence from SHPO to determine their eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places during 2012. The sites and the results of the determinations are provided below:

- Tioga Road Historic District – Determined eligible for listing on the National Register with concurrence by the SHPO on February 21, 2012 (consensus determination as a part of the Tioga Road Rehabilitation). In November 2012, the park sought concurrence on an additional contributing feature and SHPO concurred by letter dated December 19, 2012.
- CA-MRP-2109H, P22-003824, P22-003285, and P22-003286 – The park assessed these sites as a part of the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, determined these sites were ineligible for listing, and sought concurrence from SHPO by letter on April 11, 2012. The results of SHPO's review are pending.
- Mariposa Grove Historic District determination of eligibility amendment – By letter dated June 26, 2012, the park sought SHPO concurrence on amending the existing DOE for the Mariposa Grove Historic District to expand the district and update the list of contributing and non-contributing resources). The results of SHPO's review are pending.
- CA-MRP-1954/H and CA-MRP-211H – Per archeological subsurface survey and monitoring at Tenaya Lake done as part of the Tenaya Lake Area Plan/environmental assessment, the park determined that these sites were ineligible for listing and sought concurrence from SHPO by letter on April 12, 2012. The SHPO concurred via letter in June 2012.

Nominations for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places

The park submitted the following nominations for listing on the National Register:

- Multiple Property Nomination for the following structures: Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp, May Lake High Sierra Camp, Merced Lake High Sierra Camp, Sunrise High Sierra Camp, Tuolumne Meadows High Sierra Camp, and Vogelsang High Sierra Camp – Per letter dated June 28, 2012, the park sought review and concurrence on the Yosemite Multiple Property Document form and National Register nominations. The results of SHPO's review are pending.

- Multiple Property Nomination: Buck Camp Patrol Cabin, Frog Creek Cabin, Lake Vernon Snow Survey Shelter, Sachse Spring Snow Survey Shelter, Merced Lake Ranger Station/Snow Survey Cabin, Miguel Meadow Fire Guard Cabin/Ranger Station, Ostrander Lake Ski Hut/Yosemite National Park, Snow Creek Ski Hut/Snow Creek Cabin, Lodge, Snow Flat Snow Survey Shelter/Patrol Cabin – In its letter of October 30, 2012, the SHPO noted that it concurred that these properties constituted a coherent group of geographically dispersed resources that collectively constitute a multiple property.

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 2012, 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 both historic structure reports and cultural landscape reports. A list is provided below:

- Lewis Memorial Hospital Historic Structure Report, (currently known as the Yosemite Medical Clinic), February 2012.
- Wawona Hotel Complex Cultural Landscape Report August 2012. The historic structure report for the complex is in preparation and should be completed in 2013.
- Pioneer History Center Cultural Landscape Inventory
- Superintendent's House (Residence 1) Historic Structure Report

ON-GOING PROJECTS

In 2012, the 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), the Draft Tuolumne River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (TRP), and the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Environmental Impact Statement. Yosemite staff anticipates work to develop and finalize these plans over the next few years. The SHPO and others, such as tribal governments and groups, 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 Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Merced River Plan) will ultimately 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. (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 river worthy of special protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. 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 as requested. Compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA for this plan will be conducted per the standard four-step process and a plan-specific agreement due to the complexity and long-term nature of the plan.

The park invited SHPO, ACHP, and tribes and groups to review and comment on the Alternative Concepts Workbook for the Merced River Plan in April 2012. In June, park staff attended a meeting at the SHPO office regarding the plan, which was also attended by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, who requested to be a consulting party to the plan. In June 2012, the Historic Bridge Foundation also requested to be a consulting party. In July, the park held a site visit with SHPO and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In August, the park responded to the SHPO's request to switch to the standard four-step consultation process as a plan-specific agreement for meeting Section 106 requirements offers the best approach for this undertaking. In the same letter, the park also sought concurrence on the area of potential effect associated with the project. SHPO concurred with the area of potential effect as identified by letter on September 17. The park will continue to consult with all identified consulting parties as development of the draft plan continues. A draft plan is anticipated to be available in 2013.

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

In 1984, the U.S. Congress designated 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 TRP will outline the necessary actions to protect and enhance the river's outstanding values for the next 20 or more years. The area covered by the plan will include historic properties and already designated archeological districts, which will require consultation with the SHPO, tribal governments, and others throughout the planning process. The park anticipates that compliance with Section 106 requirements will be met through the 1999 PA. A draft plan is anticipated to be available in 2013.

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. The restoration project is needed to address the impacts of past development and management activities on the giant sequoias by, for example, making changes to existing infrastructure to improve natural hydrological functioning which is critical to the trees. The plan may include changes to the entrance to the Grove, parking, restrooms, and trails; along with ecological restoration in the lower Grove. The park initiated consultation with the SHPO, other agencies and tribes in late September 2011 and plans to continue working with all parties throughout the development and implementation of the plan. As stated above, the park has consulted with SHPO regarding an

amendment to the Mariposa Grove Historic District DOE and ineligibility of archeological resources. Compliance with NHPA will be conducted pursuant to the standard four-step process (36 CFR 800). The park anticipates releasing a draft plan in 2013.

Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark Comprehensive Rehabilitation (East Wing Egress)

On June 6, 2012, the park notified SHPO and ACHP that it was planning the next phase of the Ahwahnee Comprehensive Rehabilitation, which includes providing a secondary egress from the East Wing egress, adding an elevator to provide accessibility to the South Mezzanine meeting rooms, and reconfiguring the bar to correct accessibility deficiencies and restore the historic footprint. Per letter dated December 12, 2012, the park submitted the 100% schematic design for this phase. Consultation with SHPO will continue on further design development.

White Wolf Lodge and Duplex Cabin Rehabilitation

The park initiated consultation with the SHPO for the White Wolf Lodge and Duplex Cabin Rehabilitation project in August 2011. The main components of the project include repairs to deteriorating and leaking foundations, improvements to site drainage, and upgrades to outdated electrical and plumbing systems. The request for consultation sought concurrence on the area of potential effects and notified SHPO that the park was preparing a historic structure report as one of the preliminary steps in project development. In its response in November, 2011, the SHPO agreed that the project constitutes an undertaking, concurred with the area of potential effects, and suggested managing the consultation process for this project under the standard four-step process, rather than the 1999 PA.

The park released an environmental assessment for the White Wolf Lodge project in February 27, 2012. Subsequently, the scope of the rehabilitation project was substantially reduced. In November 2012, the park contacted SHPO again with a request to use the 1999 PA for the now-smaller project and the SHPO had no objections. A decision document identifying the selected alternative and any necessary mitigation, including treatment of cultural resources, is expected in 2013.

Ansel Adams Gallery Complex Comprehensive Rehabilitation

In November 2011, Yosemite National Park staff initiated consultation with the SHPO and sought concurrence on the area of potential effect for the proposed comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the Ansel Adams Gallery Complex. The plan will guide much needed repairs to all of the buildings in the complex and improve accessibility for visitors. In early February, 2012 the park contacted SHPO seeking concurrence on a revised description of the undertaking, the identification of historic properties, and the evaluation of the historic significance of the Best's Studio/Ansel Adams Gallery Complex. The park subsequently sent SHPO draft design drawings, a draft archeological report, and other materials in April and August 2012.

In a November 5, 2012 letter, SHPO notified the park that it concurred with the area of potential effect as identified by the park and provided comments on the 95% drawings, including recommendations and considerations when developing design alternatives, particularly for accessibility and when protecting

the natural and cultural features of the site. The park is considering the comments and will respond to them when transmitting the 100% design document. The park is preparing an environmental assessment anticipated to be released for public review in 2013 and will continue to consult with SHPO on design alternatives and the determination of effect.

ANTICIPATED CONSULTATION

Continued Consultation

- Merced River draft comprehensive plan and programmatic agreement consultation
- Tuolumne River draft comprehensive plan and notification of proposed standard mitigation measure implementation
- Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias draft plan available for review
- Ahwahnee Comprehensive Rehabilitation design development and construction document review
- Ansel Adams Gallery Complex Rehabilitation draft plan available for review
- Bishop Creek Prescribed Burn adverse effects and implementation of standard mitigation measures

New Projects

In addition to consultations for the on-going projects described above, the following projects requiring consultation are planned to start in 2013:

- Yosemite Wilderness Stewardship Plan

Determinations of Eligibility/National Register Nominations

The park anticipates beginning the following in 2013:

- Yosemite Lodge determination of eligibility

Historic Structure Reports and Cultural Landscape Reports and Inventories

The park anticipates finalizing the following in 2013 or future years:

- Wawona Hotel Complex Historic Structure Report
- Ansel Adams Gallery Complex Historic Structure Report and Cultural Landscape Report
- Wawona Cultural Landscape Inventory
- Emergency Services Complex Historic Structure Report
- Administrative building Historic Structure Report

ARCHEOLOGICAL PROGRAM

Park archeologists continuously work with park staff to avoid and minimize impacts to park resources. In 2012, 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
- National Register evaluation of CA-MAD-2182 in response to visitor use impacts
- Crane Flat synthesis and traditional cultural property support research
- South Entrance Kiosk replacement testing/data recovery
- Tenaya Lake restoration testing and monitoring
- Scoping and mapping for wilderness stock camp locations

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 building 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 as soon as funding becomes available (anticipated in 2013 or 2014). The park will submit a copy of the photographic and written documentation to SHPO once complete (anticipated in 2014).

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 (2011). The park began working with the National Park Service's Historic American Landscapes Survey office to document the Camp Curry Village Historic District as specified in Stipulation I.B. of the agreement. The park anticipates documentation to be completed and transmitted to SHPO and the Library of Congress in 2013. In addition, before any removal of structures occurred, the park salvaged materials such as wood siding and windows for rehabilitation of other cabins within Curry Village as specified in Stipulation I.C. The park is maintaining a directory of salvaged materials, which will be provided to SHPO within 12 months of the conclusion of the project (Stipulation I.C.3 of the MOA). The park also took video documentation of the undertaking (Stipulation I.D.4). The park will continue to work towards completing mitigations in 2013, including site clean-up as specified in Stipulation I.E. in 2013.

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 CA 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*. Consultations occur regularly throughout the year. 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.

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. Similar agreements are being developed with the other four tribes. It is anticipated that cooperative agreements will be executed with the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians in 2011. 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 2012, 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, held formal and informal tribal consultations and site visits, and developed several collaborative projects with tribal partners. Among the most significant accomplishments for the year was the development of a new consultation process through which the park and traditionally associated tribal groups can better coordinate and communicate on project reviews and monitoring. This included establishing quarterly consultation meetings and formalizing and clarifying park staff roles in the consultation program.

Annual All Tribes Meeting

The 2012 Annual All Tribes Meeting was held on July 13, 2012, at the Lee Vining Indian and Community Center and was attended by representatives from 10 American Indian tribes and groups. These annual meetings provide an opportunity for tribal representatives 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 2012 meeting, park staff briefed the participating tribal groups on the status of two of the park's major planning efforts (the draft Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and the draft Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan).

Site Visits and Tribal Monitoring

The Park worked closely with its traditionally associated tribes and groups to ensure that all projects are carefully reviewed and actively monitored by qualified tribal monitors, especially those involving construction or other ground-disturbing activities. During 2012, there were 20 tribal consultation meetings and sites visits to discuss and address American Indian concerns related to 22 Yosemite programs and environmental planning efforts. The park established the following cultural monitoring task agreements in 2012:

- Tecoya Dorm fire egress (American Indian Council of Mariposa County)
- Crane Flat utilities upgrades (American Indian Council of Mariposa County)
- Yosemite valley residences propane installation (American Indian Council of Mariposa County)
- South Entrance Station archeological investigations (North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians)
- Tenaya Lake east beach arch investigations and restoration work (American Indian Council of Mariposa County)

Collaboration and Partnership

Park staff is particularly pleased to be working with the associated tribes and groups to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into resource management and protection activities, especially those related to the Yosemite Fire and Aviation Program, for which there are on-going consultations about increasing tribal participation and incorporating indigenous knowledge about fire management into park protocols. Also under discussion is the use of tribal fire crews in wildland fire management and fuels reduction projects. A collaborative effort between the park and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians produced a Field Guide to Plants Important to the Central Sierra Me-Wuk People, including plant species found specifically in the Crane Flat area of Yosemite National Park.

Also during 2012, Yosemite National Park and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Four Seasons Native Plant Nursery created a formal partnership to collaborate on ecological restoration and revegetation projects. The Four Seasons Native Plant Nursery, which is a tribally-owned business, focuses on gathering and rearing native plants used for traditional, ceremonial, medicinal, and spiritual purposes. This focus makes the Four Seasons Nursery an excellent source for plants used by the park in restoration and revegetation projects.

Indian Cultural Center

The 1980 Yosemite GMP authorized development of the Wahnog 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 Wahnog 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:
2012 COMPLIANCE COMPLETED PROJECTS

Project Name	Supt. Approval Date	Assess- ment of Effect	Documenta- tion Method	Histor- ical Land- scape Architect	Histor- ical Architect	Arche- ologist	Histori- an	Anthro- pologist	Other Advisor
The Ahwahnee and Wawona Hotel Restaurant - Replace Grease Traps	1/5/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Curry Village Landfill Remedial Site Investigation (Wilderness Parking Lot)	4/3/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Crane Flat Water System Replacement Phase 2	4/16/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Curry Village - Rehabilitate Cabins	4/17/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Lake Eleanor Campground Outhouse Removal & Replacement with Nonpermanent Composting Toilet	4/18/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Yosemite Valley, Correct Tecoya Dorm and Y Apartments Egress	4/18/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-

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2012 Commercial Use Authorization - Stock Use	5/9/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
El Capitan and Bridalveil Meadow Conifer Removal	5/23/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Summit Meadow Fence Installation	6/12/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Wilderness Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog Reintroduction and Trout Eradication Project	6/19/2012	No Historic Properties Affected	No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Curry Village Geologic Hazard Canvas Tent Relocation	7/17/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-
Tuolumne Meadows Informal Trail Removal	8/1/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Yosemite and Poopenaut Valley Bullfrog Eradication	8/9/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-

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Crane Flat Service Station Paving Replacement	8/9/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Ahwahnee Bar Door Modification	8/9/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
Crane Flat Propane Tank Installation	8/9/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Yosemite Valley Medical Clinic HVAC Replacement (exterior site work)	8/26/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-
White Wolf - Photovoltaic Hybrid Electric System	8/31/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
South Entrance Station Kiosks Replacement	9/26/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-
Tioga Road Rehabilitation	10/21/2012	Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Wawona Hotel Complex HVAC and Hot Water System Improvements	10/26/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
Tuolumne Bug Camp Internet Satellite Dish Installation	11/6/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-
Tuolumne Meadows Permanent River Gage Installation	11/6/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
Ansel Adams Gallery Investigative Testing	11/19/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
Half Dome Trail Stewardship Plan	12/12/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes				Yes	
Tunnel Preservation Project	12/20/2012	No Adverse Effect	Park Specific Programmatic Agreement	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-