

Yosemite National Park

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2013 ANNUAL REPORT FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 UNDERTAKINGS INCLUDING ACTIONS REVIEWED UNDER YOSEMITE'S 1999 PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT



The 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)

Photographs from Title Page, clockwise from top left: Curry Village tent cabins (HALS documentation); park archeological staff conducting site investigation, Ansel Adams/Best's Studio circa late 1925 or early 1926 (Ansel Adams Gallery Complex HSR and CLR combined Appendices); Tuolumne Grove's Tunnel Tree sprayed with fire retardant foam during the Rim Fire.

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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 “shall prepare and provide to the signatories and all parties invited to concur with the with this Agreement and the NPS Federal Preservation Officer a report describing how (the park) is carrying out its responsibilities under this Agreement.” The park prepares the report on an annual basis and also distributes it to “interested members of the public.” All parties are provided the opportunity for review and comment on the report. The requirements of the report include:

- A list of “no effect” and “no adverse effect” actions carried out in accordance with the 1999 PA;
- Identification and/or evaluation of potential historic properties;
- Description of cultural resource monitoring; and
- The treatment of historic properties.

In addition, this report provides a summary of compliance for planning and design projects completed through the Section 106 four-step process (36 CFR Part 800).

Yosemite National Park coordinates planning, construction, operations, and maintenance project reviews in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and documents the assessment of effects on historic properties 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 and/or design process for each project. Completed NEPA and NHPA Section 106-related documents (with confidential information withheld) are posted online on the park’s public webpage at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose>.

Yosemite maintains a staff of cultural resource management (CRM) professionals who meet the Secretary of the Interior’s qualification standards [per NHPA Section 112(a)(1)(A)]. The CRM team, in coordination with the Park’s Section 106 Coordinator, reviews projects and determines whether there are potential adverse effects on cultural resources at the earliest stages of project development. Currently, the park staff includes individuals with expertise in history, curation, archeology, anthropology, conservation, historic architecture, and historic landscape architecture. In addition, designated cultural resource specialists have specific responsibilities for review of 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 Resources Management and Science Division, there are two cultural resource branches: the Anthropology, Archeology, and Cultural Resource Branch and the Historic Architecture and Landscapes Branch. The cultural anthropologist for the park is also the liaison with the seven traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups. In addition to the standard Section 106 responsibilities, both branches address Yosemite National Park’s responsibilities under Section 110 of the NHPA to identify and protect cultural resources which

includes on-going research and documentation of Yosemite’s long, complex history of human occupation and use.

A list of all of the park’s cultural resource managers is provided in Table 1 (below) and includes staff members from the Pacific West Regional Office of the National Park Service who assist Yosemite personnel as needed.

Table 1: Yosemite Cultural Resources Staff, 2013

Yosemite National Park	
Barbara Bane	RMS Project Archeologist
Jonathan Bayless*	Curator
Paul DePascale	Project Archeologist, Trails Program
Jennifer Hardin*	Cultural Anthropologist/American Indian Liaison
Gabrielle Harlan*	Historical Architect
Scott Jackson	Project Archeologist
Rod Kennec	Historic Preservation Specialist
Jun Kinoshita	Project Archeologist, Fire Management Program
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Kimball Koch	Acting Section 106 Coordinator
Brenna Lissoway	Acting Archivist
Kevin McCardle*	Historical Landscape Architect
Sonny Montague*	Project Archeologist, Wilderness Program
Paul Stephens	Historical Architect

* Cultural resource management team member identified in the NHPA-Section 112.

Pacific West Regional Office	
Barbara Beroza	Curator of Collections
Paul Chattey	Regional Historical Architect
Cathy Gilbert	Historical Landscape Architect
Kirstin Haertel, Ph.D.	Regional Archeologist
Laurin Huffman	Regional Historical Architect (retired)
Elaine Jackson-Retondo, Ph.D.	Regional Historian, National Historic Landmark Program Coordinator
Cari Kreshak	Regional Section 106 Coordinator
David Louter, Ph.D.	Chief, Division of Cultural Resources
Erica Owens	Historical Landscape Architect
Charles Palmer	Historian
Paul Rogers	Archivist
Fred York, Ph.D.	Regional Anthropologist

2013 COMPLETED PROJECT REVIEWS AND PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Projects for which the park completed NHPA compliance in 2013 are listed in Appendix A. The most significant of these projects completed in 2013 are described below. In addition, the text below highlights consultations with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) completed pursuant to NHPA Section 110 to determine eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rim Fire Emergency Consultation

The Rim Fire started outside of Yosemite National Park in the adjacent Stanislaus National Forest on August 17, 2013. The fire spread rapidly during the first few days of the incident and entered the park near Lake Eleanor on August 22. The park informally notified the SHPO that the fire had entered the park by email on August 23, 2013, and indicated the park's intent to address compliance under the 1999 PA. An Incident Command Team responsible for multiple federal jurisdictions became the official point of contact for the Rim Fire. The fire eventually burned approximately 74,000 acres within the park before it was contained on September 13. On September 16, 2013, the park provided a draft of the burned area emergency response treatment specifications to the SHPO. On October 17, 2013, the SHPO responded that it had no objections to the park working under the 1999 PA to document and respond to damage caused by the Rim Fire.

The Incident Command Team directing the firefighting efforts regularly received input from NPS resource advisors, including archeologists and other cultural resource specialists, who were assigned to the fire at the outset of the response. These advisors were active in the field and were able to help ground-level firefighting

crews avoid and minimize impacts to cultural resources by establishing "avoidance areas" and suggesting the firefighting techniques that caused the least ground disturbance, such as constructing fire breaks with hand tools, rather than bulldozers. Firefighters were also able to protect some historic resources through the use of protective wrapping (see photo above) and through use of foam sprays (cover photo).

The Rim Fire had direct and indirect impacts on a variety of historic and archeological resources including archeological sites, remains of historic milling and logging operations, historic structures, and traditional cultural properties. Direct impacts resulted from burning or intense heat as well as fire suppression operations such as constructing fire lines and clearing sites for camps or helicopter landing. Indirect impacts resulted from greater exposure to weathering and erosion with the loss of ground and tree cover or increased risk of potential collection or vandalism by park visitors.

Historic properties at risk from the fire include 167 known archeological sites. An additional 10 sites were discovered and at least partially documented during the course of fire operations. Although existing information on historic properties for this area of the park is not comprehensive due its size and remoteness, the park was able to confirm that five historic roads, two traditional cultural properties, and one historic developed area were affected by the Rim Fire. Twenty-six sites, many with religious and cultural significance to American Indian tribal groups, were evaluated using the Burned Area Emergency Response assessment process. Most of these sites are located along streams or creeks, trails used to access the Yosemite Wilderness,



and park roads, putting them at risk from post-fire effects such as increased runoff, erosion, tree fall, or illegal artifact collection.

Because of the difficult terrain, remote locations, risk to personnel during the fire, and winter snow conditions, the majority of sites in the interior of the fire zone have yet to be evaluated. Where possible, satellite imagery was used to determine the severity of the fire and by extrapolation, an estimate of potential impacts to cultural resources. But future treatment needs for all of the historic properties within the footprint of the Rim Fire will require additional fieldwork, more documentation, and updates to site records. Under NPS policy, active restoration will not take place; to the extent possible, properties will be stabilized and documented. Park staff will resume efforts to more fully determine the effects of the Rim Fire in 2014.

The park is preparing a report per Stipulation XI (Natural Disasters) of the 1999 PA to be submitted to the SHPO in early 2014 evaluating the impacts of the Rim Fire on the park's cultural and historic resources, describing efforts to avoid and minimize impacts, and outlining potential future actions to stabilize those resources.

Valley Administration Building Improvements Project

Constructed in 1924, the Valley Administration Building is a contributing building to both the nationally significant Yosemite Valley Historic District as well as the Yosemite Village Historic District. The building currently serves as the park's headquarters and administrative offices. In July 2012, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued the park an abatement order to address emergency egress for the upper stories of the building. The order was subsequently modified by OSHA at the request of the park based on the installation of temporary egress stairs on the north end of the building. Consultation with the SHPO was initiated in an August 2012 phone conversation regarding the temporary egress solution and managing the Section 106 compliance process under the 1999 PA. The temporary egress allowed for continued use of the building until March 2014, providing the park with the additional time necessary to develop a permanent solution. This project will result in the installation of life safety improvements that will provide code-compliant fire egress and fire/smoke detection systems. The park determined that several other upgrades of high priority should be completed concurrently, including upgrades to the heating and electrical systems and installation of an accessible restroom in the building's original vault.

In a letter dated June 28, 2013, the park notified the SHPO about the project, including its area of potential effect, finding of adverse effects, and implementation of standard mitigating measures to resolve adverse effects. The SHPO responded by letter on October 9, 2013, acknowledging the park's decision to use the 1999 PA including the use of standard mitigating measures. The SHPO followed up with an email dated November 19, 2013, indicating that there were no objections to the specific mitigations measures proposed by the park for implementation. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2014.

Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

The primary purposes of the *Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias* project are restoring degraded sequoia habitat and improving the quality of the visitor experience. The park initiated consultation with the SHPO, other agencies, and American Indian tribes and groups in September 2011; worked with all parties throughout plan development; and will continue to consult during implementation. Compliance with Section 106 was conducted pursuant to the standard four-step process (36 CFR Part 800) at the request of the SHPO.

The suite of restoration projects identified in the Record of Decision for the plan address the impacts of past development and management activities on the giant sequoias. For example, under the plan, changes will be made to existing infrastructure to improve natural hydrological functioning, which is critical to the long-term health of the trees. The plan also includes significant changes to the Grove's parking, restrooms, and trails, and outlines ecological restoration activities in the lower Grove itself.

In a letter dated February 5, 2013, the SHPO acknowledged work on the project to that date (initiation of consultation, concurrence on the park's proposed amendment to the Mariposa Grove Historic District determination of eligibility) and concurred with the area of potential effect, identification of historic properties, and with the results of a determination of eligibility for CA-MRP2109H, P-22-003284, P-22-003285, and P-22-003286, which found all four sites ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. On April 1, 2013, the park sent a letter to the SHPO requesting review and comment on the draft plan. The letter also provided notification that the project would have an adverse effect on historic resources. Similar notification was provided to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) on August 7, 2013.



Undertakings included in the plan resulting in adverse effects on historic resources were resolved through a memorandum of agreement (MOA) executed by the park and the SHPO on December 6, 2013. Stipulations in the MOA include provisions for updates to historic district nominations, tribal monitoring during ground disturbing activities, protection for stands of culturally significant California black oaks, and photo-documentation.

Consultation and discussion leading to the MOA included notification to the ACHP and traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups. The ACHP declined to participate in the MOA consultation via an email to the park on December 3, 2013.

Representatives of the American Indian Council of Mariposa County and the Picayune Rancheria

of the Chukchansi Indians attended an MOA consultation meeting on October 1, 2013, to discuss tribal stipulations that are included in the final agreement. The traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups have been invited to sign as concurring parties. (The Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians signed on February 25, 2014.)

The final plan, including changes based on public and agency comments, was released on October 31, 2013, and the Record of Decision was signed on December 10, 2013. Implementation of the plan will begin in 2014.

Section 106 Determinations of Eligibility

The park submitted a determination of eligibility to the SHPO in March 2013 for site CA-TUO-3795. The park documented this site as part of on-going investigations related to commercial stock use in Yosemite Wilderness. Review and concurrence on the eligibility of the site for listing is pending.

Historic Structure Reports, Cultural Landscape Reports, and Other Studies

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 resource management. During 2013, the park completed several of these reports documenting the general background, characteristics, conditions, and potential treatment of cultural resources in Yosemite National Park. These documents included the following historic structure reports and cultural landscape reports:

- Superintendent's House ("Residence One"), Historic Structure Report, 2013
- Ansel Adams Gallery Historic Structure Report, May 2013
- Ansel Adams Gallery Cultural Landscape Report, May 2013
- Lewis Memorial Hospital Historic Structure Report, May 2013

A Historic Structures Report for the Yosemite Valley Administration Building has been developed by park staff and is expected to be finalized in 2014.

ON-GOING PROJECTS

The largest on-going projects are the *Draft Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan* (Merced River Plan) and the *Draft Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan* (Tuolumne River Plan).

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

The Merced River Plan will ultimately outline the management strategy for the 81 miles of the Merced River within Yosemite National Park that are designated Wild and Scenic under the Wild and Scenic River 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 plan is designed to protect the Merced River's free-flowing condition and the unique values that made the river worthy of special protection under the Act. Given the scope, long-term nature, and potential adverse effects of the plan, the project's Section 106 compliance is being conducted under the standard four-step process including development of a plan-specific programmatic agreement to address adverse effects.

The draft environmental impact statement for the Merced River Plan was released for public comment on January 8, 2013. Per letters dated January 24, 2013, the park provided copies of the

plan to the SHPO, ACHP, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Historic Bridge Foundation, and the seven traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups. The park requested review and comment within a 60-day comment period. On February 21, 2013, the park followed up with another letter to all consulting parties providing a *Section 106 Companion Guide* and *Cultural Outstandingly Remarkable Values Companion Guide* to assist consulting party review.

Beginning in March 2013, the park held regular consultation conference calls with the SHPO, ACHP, and other consulting parties throughout most of the year. During these calls, the parties reviewed the various actions under the plan to (1) identify potential adverse effects, (2) find ways to avoid and minimize those effects, and (3) develop agreement on the process for continued consultation as the plan is implemented.

The park prepared a stand-alone Section 106 report entitled, *The National Historic Preservation Act Assessment of Adverse Effects for the Merced River Plan*, which provided a detailed description of the Merced River Plan actions and their effects on historic properties. The draft report was sent to all consulting parties on September 10, 2013. The final version, which incorporated consulting party comments, was sent to the consulting parties on November 11, 2013. The Section 106 report will be included in the final Merced River Plan when it is released in early 2014.

The park continues to consult with all consulting parties on the plan-specific programmatic agreement. A final, signed agreement is anticipated in early 2014 and will be included in the Record of Decision that is expected to be released by March 31, 2014.

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

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 Tuolumne River Plan will outline the necessary actions to protect and enhance the river's outstanding values for the next 20 or more years. Release of the final Tuolumne River Plan is expected in spring 2014, with the Record of Decision expected no earlier than 30 days following release of the final plan. The park first contacted the SHPO about the Tuolumne River Plan via letter on August 26, 2006. At that time, consultation was initiated in accordance with the park's 1999 PA.

The park notified the ACHP of the plan in a letter dated April 16, 2008. ACHP responded with a letter on June 24, 2008, requesting submittal of the environmental impact statement and notification if the proposed undertaking would have an adverse effect or if a programmatic agreement was developed. The requested information was provided to ACHP in January 2013 when the park released the draft plan/environmental impact statement to the public. The park did not receive a response to this transmittal.

On January 15, 2013, the park transmitted the draft plan and notified the SHPO of the adverse effects of the plan along with the proposal to implement standard mitigating measures as specified in Section VIII of the 1999 PA. A summary of public and consulting party comments specific to cultural resources was provided to the SHPO by email on June 11, 2013. Subsequently, on July 10, 2013, park staff discussed the proposed actions in the Tuolumne River Plan with SHPO staff, including a list of anticipated changes from the draft to final version of the plan. The park responded to the SHPO's questions by email on September 18, 2013. Compliance for the majority of actions in the plan that have adverse effects will be conducted under the

standard four-step process specified in 36 CFR Part 800 and consultation will continue as the final plan is developed in 2014.

The Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark Comprehensive Rehabilitation

The park is continuing to implement the long-term rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee Hotel 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, ongoing consultation with the SHPO and tribes and groups is anticipated throughout plan implementation.

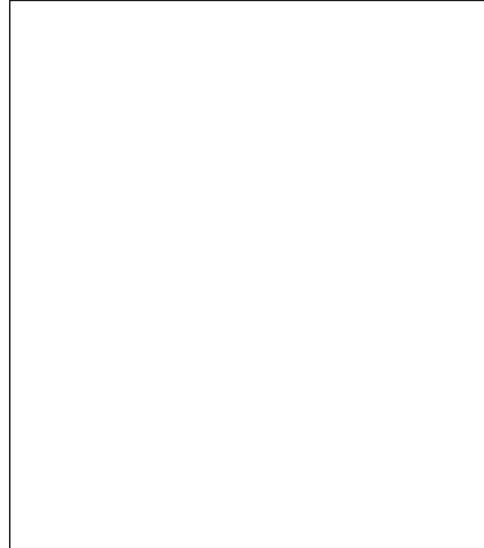
Compliance for this comprehensive plan was completed through a plan-specific programmatic agreement signed on January 24, 2011 (2011 PA). The park continues to consult with the SHPO regarding implementation of 2011 PA stipulations. During 2013, the park developed final schematic and design documents for the East Wing Improvements phase. This phase includes the following actions:

- Provide a secondary egress from the upper floors of the East Wing of the hotel by replacing the non-compliant 2nd and 3rd floor fire egress (spiral stairway);
- Provide two accessible guest suites to fully meet accessibility guest room ratio requirements;
- Add a limited use/limited access elevator to provide accessibility to the South Mezzanine meeting rooms;
- Reconfigure The Ahwahnee bar to correct employee accessibility deficiencies; restore the historic footprint; and improve operational efficiency, health code compliance, and visitor service; and
- Replace failing water and sewer lines servicing the bar.

The park provided the SHPO with 100 percent design development drawings for review on August 29, 2013. On September 13, 2013, the SHPO notified the park that it had no comments. Design development will continue into 2014; construction is anticipated to begin in 2016.

Ansel Adams Gallery Complex Rehabilitation

After more than 90 years of continuous use, the buildings in the Ansel Adams Gallery complex require repairs to protect and stabilize four historic structures. These buildings contribute to both the Yosemite Valley and Yosemite Village Historic Districts and are located within the Yosemite Valley Archeological District. This project includes upgrades to foundations, the electrical system, plumbing, and fire protection systems (sprinklers); and installation of insulation to improve living and



Repairs to the Ansel Adams Gallery foundation will help to protect and stabilize the building for the long term.

working conditions for staff and park visitors. The project will bring all buildings up to current health and safety codes and provide improved accessibility for visitors.

The park is currently working to avoid adverse effects to archeological resources before finalizing construction documents for the project. Consultation with the SHPO under the standard four-step process will continue during 2014. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2014.

SECTION 110 INVENTORIES

National Register Nominations

The park submitted final digital photographs and text for a series of nomination packages to the SHPO including a multiple property documentation form. The nominations include the following High Sierra Camps:

- Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp
- May Lake High Sierra Camp
- Merced Lake High Sierra Camp
- Sunrise High Sierra Camp
- Tuolumne Meadows High Sierra Camp
- Vogelsang High Sierra Camp

Backcountry cabin nominations reviewed by the SHPO include:

- Buck Creek Cabin
- Frog Creek Cabin
- Lake Vernon Snow Survey Shelter
- Sachse Springs Snow Survey Shelter
- Merced Lake Ranger Station and Snow Survey Cabin
- Ostrander Lake Ski Hut
- Snow Creek Ski Hut
- Snow Flat Ranger Station and Snow Survey Cabin

The nominations are in the last stages of preparation for submission to the Keeper of the National Register in spring 2014. In addition to the extensive coordination and assistance provided by SHPO staff, the park service regional cultural resources staff provided extensive coordination, funding, and programmatic support for this work.

On-Going Section 110 Activities

The park is preparing a determination of eligibility for the Yosemite Lodge. The Yosemite Lodge is an example of Mission 66-era architecture and is one of the few examples of buildings from that era within the park that have been evaluated for historical significance. Submission for SHPO review and comment is expected in 2014.

ANTICIPATED CONSULTATIONS

Continued Consultation

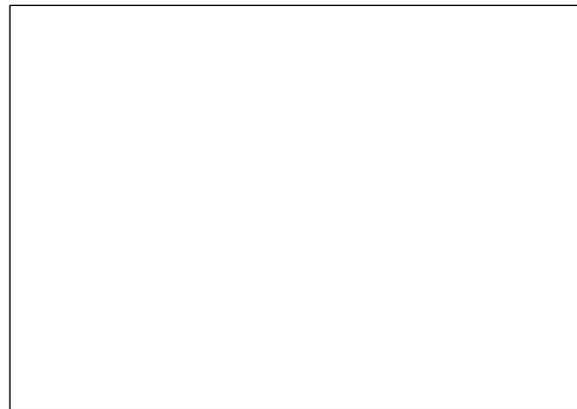
- Merced River Plan – The park expects to finalize and sign a plan-specific programmatic agreement (PA) through continued consultation with the SHPO and other consulting parties in early 2014. The park will continue consultation with SHPO and other consulting parties as specified in the PA.

- Tuolumne River Plan – The park plans to release the final plan in Spring 2014 and will continue consultation with the SHPO and other consulting parties on implementation of projects called for in the plan.
- Ansel Adams Gallery Rehabilitation – The park anticipates requesting concurrence on the assessment of effects for the project and will submit construction drawings for review and comment to the SHPO as well as American Indian tribes and groups in 2014.
- The Ahwahnee Hotel National Landmark – Implementation of the East Wing phase will continue during 2014 including completion of construction documents.
- Curry Village Rockfall Hazard Zone Structures Project – The park will continue consultation regarding a possible amendment to include five additional cabins with bath located within the revised boundary of the rockfall zone.

New Projects and Other New Consultations

The park anticipates initiating consultation regarding the following projects in 2014:

- Amendment of the existing 1999 PA which expires in May 2014 to allow sufficient time for the development of a new parkwide PA
- Development of a new parkwide PA
- Emergency Services Complex Rehabilitation
- Tuolumne Meadows Cabin Replacement
- Wawona Fire Station (implementation of a Merced River Plan action)



Determination of Eligibility

The park anticipates working on the following in 2014:

- Amendment of Consensus Determination of Eligibility of the Mariposa Grove Historical District – The park plans to submit an amendment that would add the Washburn Road as a contributing resource to the Historic District.
- Wawona Hotel and Meadow Cultural Landscape Inventory (Determination of Eligibility) – The park anticipates amending the existing determination of eligibility to address the eligibility of the adjacent golf course.
- Yosemite Lodge Determination of Eligibility – The park plans to complete a determination of eligibility and will request the SHPO’s review of the findings in 2014.

STATUS OF OTHER ACTIVE AGREEMENTS

The following describes how the park is meeting the requirements of its active agreements with the 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 (executed in 2011).

The plan-specific agreement for the multi-year comprehensive rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee Hotel requires the park to submit design and construction documents as they are developed to the SHPO for review. Per Stipulation III.B., the park sent the SHPO the 100 percent schematic designs for the East Wing Egress phase for review and comment on July 8, 2013, and the 100

percent final schematic drawings on August 29, 2013. The remaining submittals for this phase of construction, draft 100 percent construction documents and 100 percent final construction documents, are anticipated in 2014.

The park anticipates completion of the Historic American Building Survey written documentation in 2015 to meet Stipulation IV.A of the agreement. Remaining stipulations to be completed include an update of the National Register nomination for the Ahwahnee National Historic Landmark; narrative and photographic documentation of before, during, and after construction activities for each rehabilitation phase; as well as the development of interpretive media and materials for the public.

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 (executed in 2011).

The majority of stipulations have been fulfilled as required during earlier implementation phases of the project; all structures were removed from the rockfall zone in 2013. Salvage efforts and site clean-up were completed in October 2013. The park hand-delivered the Historic American Landscapes Survey photographs and documentation to the SHPO on December 5, 2013; copies of both were submitted to the U.S. Library of Congress on June 26, 2013.

The remaining stipulations to be met include the development of an interpretive exhibit, small interpretive signs at the site, and a brochure describing what was removed and its significance (Stipulations I.D.1, I.D.2, and I.D.5). These interpretive mitigations are all in preparation and should be completed and installed in 2014. In addition, the MOA stipulates that the nominations for the Yosemite Valley and Camp Curry Historic Districts will be updated within three years of completion of the undertaking. The update will include information about the recent history and revised lists of contributing and non-contributing features.

Memorandum of Agreement Between the National Park Service and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County, California (executed in 2013).

The Mariposa Grove MOA was executed on December 6, 2013. The Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians signed the agreement as a concurring party in February, 2014. The stipulations require the park to update the nomination for listing the Mariposa Grove Archeological District on the National Register of Historic Places and prepare a National Register Nomination for the Mariposa Grove Historic District that includes changes resulting from the project. In addition, there are several stipulations pertaining to treatment and monitoring of archeological resources. This includes provisions for data recovery, excavation and requirements for tribal monitoring during construction or pre-construction archeological surveys in areas with known or suspected archeological resources. Prior to construction, deconstruction, or removal activities in the Mariposa Grove or South Entrance Historic Districts, stipulations in the agreement obligate the park to prepare photographic documentation by professional photographers or specially trained subject matter experts. Finally, the park will provide annual reports on progress of the activities outlined in the plan.

The park anticipates beginning construction on some project components in June 2014.

Memorandum of Agreement Among the National Park Service, California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Regarding the Demolition, Relocation, and Rehabilitation of all Components of the Merced River Hydroelectric Generating System (executed in 1986).

The remaining obligation under this agreement is submittal of the revised National Register form to the SHPO, the 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 the SHPO in February 2007, requesting review and was returned with suggested revisions. The integration of the required revisions into the National Register form is awaiting funds to support the effort.

ARCHEOLOGICAL PROGRAM

Park archeology staff worked on numerous park projects to avoid and minimize impacts to archeological resources. In 2013, archeologists conducted inventories, condition assessments, monitoring, and subsurface survey for a variety of projects. Work on a few highlighted projects included the following:

- Inventory and monitoring for ecological restoration projects in multiple wilderness settings
- Site protection, inventory, and monitoring during the Rim Fire
- Continued participation on an interdisciplinary team to identify issues related to stock camp locations in wilderness
- Subsurface survey at CA-MRP-8 in support of the Wawona Fire Station development
- National Register evaluation of the Washburn Road
- Condition assessments at sample of sites within the Wild and Scenic River corridors of the Tuolumne and Merced rivers
- Analysis, reporting, and National Register eligibility recommendation for CA-TUO-4818, located at Laurel Lake in the northern part of the park.
- Fuels and wildland fire monitoring
- Backcountry trails monitoring

AMERICAN INDIAN CONSULTATION

Yosemite National Park conducts American Indian consultation in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800, Native American Graves and Repatriation Act, the American Indian Freedom of Religion Act, Executive Orders, NPS Director's Orders, and the *2006 NPS Management Policies*. Consultations occur regularly throughout the year on an as-needed basis. The tribes and groups 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 Chuckchansi 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 enacted with the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians in the future. The primary purpose of the cooperative agreement is to transfer financial assistance to tribal groups, enabling tribal representatives to participate in the protection of resources with cultural and religious significance. In 2013, the park negotiated a

15-year cooperative agreement with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc., to collaborate about traditional cultural activities and events held in the park.

During 2013, the park completed tribal consultation for nearly 40 projects with potential to affect resources with traditional cultural or religious significance. Consultation with the tribes is facilitated by providing them with a bi-monthly Tribal Project Review spreadsheet, which lists upcoming park projects and gives the tribes an early opportunity to be involved in the planning process. The park also developed five task agreements with the tribes to involve them in resource management and historic preservation monitoring activities.

Annual All Tribes Meeting

The Eleventh Annual All-Tribes Meeting was held in Lee Vining on July 12, 2013. The meeting was attended by park staff and representatives from six of the seven traditionally associated tribes and groups. The meeting opened with briefings from tribal representatives and from the park superintendent. Project managers from the park provided overviews of the three major planning efforts underway in the park (the Merced River Plan, the Tuolumne River Plan, and the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove) and responded to questions from the tribes and groups. Participants also discussed the Native Plant Nursery Partnership and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Site Visits and Tribal Monitoring

The park works 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.

During 2013, site visits for Yosemite's associated tribes and groups took place for a variety of projects in the planning process. For example, related to the Merced River Plan, site visits with tribes and groups occurred on March 26 and April 2, 2013, to review components of the draft plan and to discuss the potential for adverse effects to historic properties in Yosemite Valley and Wawona. For the Mariposa Grove restoration plan, site visits occurred on April 2 and July 10, 2013. A site visit to Tenaya Lake was conducted on August 7, 2013, to discuss implementation of planned work on the Sunrise trailhead as described in the Tenaya Lake Area Plan completed in 2011.

In 2013, tribal monitors were present at the following three park undertakings: the South Entrance Station Kiosk Replacement project, the multi-site Communication and Data Network project, and the Wawona Fire Station archeological investigation. On-site monitors ensured that publicly valued cultural resources were protected from potential damage during construction activities.

Planned undertakings in 2014 that will involve American Indian consultation or representation include but are not limited to:

- Tuolumne Meadows Cabin Replacement (initiate consultation)
- El Portal Sewer System Rehabilitation (initiate consultation)
- 1999 PA amendment and new parkwide programmatic agreement development (initiate consultation)
- Emergency Services Complex Rehabilitation (continued consultation)
- Ansel Adams Gallery Complex Rehabilitation (continued consultation)
- Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias (continued consultation)
- Merced River Plan (continued consultation)

- Wawona Fire Station (continued consultation)
- Tuolumne River Plan (continued consultation)
- Communications Data Network (tribal monitoring)

Indian Cultural Center

The 1980 Yosemite General Management Plan 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 Wauhoga 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 the Federal Preservation Officer as well as all invited signatories of the 1999 PA, which include:

- SHPO
- ACHP
- Seven traditionally associated American Indian tribes and groups
- National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The report will also be available for public inspection in the Yosemite Research Library, Yosemite Archives, and at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose_NHPAannualreports.

**APPENDIX A:
2013 COMPLIANCE COMPLETED PROJECTS**

Project Title	Supt. Approval Date	Assess. Of Effects	Documentation Method	SHPO	ACHP	Tribes	Historical Landscape Architect	Historical Architect	Archeologist	Anthropologist
Curry Village – Replace Gift Shop Floor and Doors	1/3/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley Admin Building Temporary Stair Installation and Geotech Borings	1/3/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	Yes	No	Yes	No-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Curry Village – Replace Double Wall Tents with Classic Heated Single Wall Tents	1/9/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Valley California Black Oak Preservation	3/15/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Programmatic CE - Special Use Permit - Hang Gliding	4/15/2013	No Historic Properties Affected	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Valley Museum Fire Protection System Installation	5/2/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glacier Point Surface Water Treatment System Replacement	5/3/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

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Mariposa Grove Geotech Testing	5/16/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tuolumne Employee Tent Cabin Rehabilitation Geotechnical Investigation	6/20/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
White Wolf Lodge – Addition of One Temporary Canvas Tent for Linen Storage	6/20/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley Visitor Center New Trail Information Panels Installation	6/28/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
El Portal Well System Rehabilitation	6/28/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Curry Village – Centralized Boystown Propane Tanks	6/28/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Commercial Use Authorization – Stock Use 2013	7/11/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Ostrander Ski Hut and Woodshed Improvements	7/12/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hetch Hetchy Road Sign Improvement	7/18/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Valley Admin Building Egress & Life Safety, Accessibility, Boiler	7/18/2013	Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Replacement, and Electrical Upgrades										
Badger Pass Monitoring Well Installation	7/29/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
White Wolf Location Assessment for an Alternative Sewer System	8/1/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Hetch Hetchy SAR Cache Installation	8/1/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Wawona Road Wildlife Crossing Structures for Pacific Fishers	8/1/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tioga Road Campground Accessibility Improvements	8/8/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Wawona Hotel Annex Building Railing Installation	8/14/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge – Linen Hut Addition	8/14/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lower Yosemite Falls to Camp 4 Parking Lot Accessible Trail	8/15/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Valley Cemetery Stabilization	8/15/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Lake Eleanor Valve Repair	8/21/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Curry Village Stoneman Screen Door Installation	9/5/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ahwahnee Correct Balcony Deficiencies	9/24/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Lodge Ecological Restoration	10/8/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yosemite Lodge Guest Room Component Renewal	10/30/2013	Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Valley Emergency Services Complex Rehabilitation Geotechnical Investigation	11/5/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ahwahnee Replace Dorm Foundation	11/22/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias EIS	12/5/2013	Adverse Effect	Standard 4-Step Process	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rim Fire Burned Area Emergency Response Plan	9/20/2013	No Adverse Effect	1999 Parkwide Agreement	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes