

**Yosemite National Park  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FORM**

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**A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Title: Curry Village Pool Shower House Rehabilitation

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-013

PEPC Project Number: 14085

Location: Mariposa County, California; Curry Village

NPS Project Proponent: Project Management, Larry Harris

Partner Project Proponent: DNC, Earl Zack

**B. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION**

This project is an action that has been determined to result in no measurable environmental effects. It is therefore categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act analysis under Categorical Exclusion: DO12 3.4 C (3) – *Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds, and trails.*

Necessary compliance coordination has been completed regarding the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as applicable. Environmental impacts will be minor or less when the project is implemented with the conditions stipulated under **Project Mitigations and Conditions** in **Section I** at the end of the attached *Environmental Screening Form*.

Additional supporting information for this determination and the stipulated conditions can be found in the following attachments (when checked):

- ☒ *Cultural Resource Effects Assessment Form (XXX)*
- ☐ *Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis*
- ☐ *Wild and Scenic River Section 7 Determination*
- ☐ *Park Management Terms and Conditions*
- ☐ Other:

**C. DECISION**

*On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances or conditions in DO12 3.5 or 3.6 apply and the action is fully described in DO12, Section 3.4.*

//MJTollefson//  
Michael J. Tollefson

1/3/2006  
Date

Attachments (2)

Original: Statutory Compliance File  
cc: Project Proponent

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park  
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Yosemite, California 95389

IN REPLY REFER TO:

L7617 (YOSE)

## Memorandum

To: Larry Harris, NPS Project Manager  
Earl Zack, DNC Project Manager

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-013 Curry Village Pool Shower House Rehabilitation

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Necessary compliance coordination has been completed regarding the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as applicable. This project clearance is valid providing that you adhere to the conditions stipulated in the enclosed *Categorical Exclusion Form* and associated documents when implementing this project.

//MJTollefson  
Michael J. Tollefson

1/3/2006  
Date

Enclosure (1, with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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## A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP

Project Number: 14085

Project Type: Facility Rehabilitation (FR)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California      District, Section: Curry Village,

Project Proponent: NPS, Larry Harris

Partner Project Proponent: DNC, Earl Zack

**Project Title: Curry Village Pool Shower House Rehabilitation**

## B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

"This project will rehabilitate the Curry Village Pool Shower House (CVPS) foundation to stabilize the structure. The project will include foundation stabilization and interior repairs to the shower stalls and tile. The project will proceed as follows: Removal of all wood flooring and members under shower and locker areas only. Install concrete footings and stem curbs under all walls. Curbs will extend six inches above finished flooring in shower areas only. Install all new DWV and water piping in shower areas only. Install a slurry fill mixture to bring grade to desired level to receive concrete flooring. Install a colored concrete floor sloped to floor drains [this would be the finished floor]. Install solid surface type materials in all shower areas. Install new ceramic wainscoting around all toilet and urinals up 48" high. Repair existing tile with tiles removed from shower areas. Replace all wooden decking at the poolside with a concrete slab and install gutter drains to route water away from building. Demolish entry concrete and replace with exposed aggregate concrete per ADA specs. Repair exterior walls at poolside. Repaint structure inside and out. Re roof structure complete. Perform repairs to the existing ADA shower stall(s), which are currently not usable due to foundation damage. "

Project Background Information	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1. Did NPS staff conduct a site visit? If no, explain.		X		
2a. Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.)		X		
2b. Is the project consistent with that plan?			X	
2c. Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?			X	
3a. Are there any interested or affected parties?		X		
3b. Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?				
4a. Are there any affected agencies or tribes?		X		
4b. Has consultation been completed?				

Attached Project Information (becomes part of CE)	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1. Maps: 2 required (vicinity map & site map)	X			Curry Village showing Bath House location.
2. Drawings (e.g., design, construction)		X		
3. Site Plans		X		
4. Photographs	X			7 Photos showing work to be done.
5. Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)		X		
6. Other (Explain)		X		

**C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS**

Are any impacts possible on the following resources?	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Geologic resources: soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc	X			Assessment of effect is "No Effect;" see attached XXX.
2. From geohazards		X		
3. Air quality		X		
4. Soundscapes		X		
5. Water quality or quantity		X		
6. Stream flow characteristics		X		
7. Marine or estuarine resources		X		
8. Floodplains or wetlands		X		
9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use		X		
10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine		X		
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat		X		
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites		X		Yosemite is a World Heritage Site. This project will have "No Effect;" see attached XXX.
13. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat		X		
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat		X		
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)		X		
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.		X		
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	X			Negligible; temporary closure during construction; alternative facilities will be available.
18. Cultural resources including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources		X		
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure		X		
20. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.		X		
21. Energy resources		X		
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies		X		
23. Resource, including energy, conservation potential		X		
24. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.		X		
25. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity		X		
26. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?		X		
<b>Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:</b>				
1.				

**D. MANDATORY CRITERIA**

<b>If implemented, would the proposed action:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Data Needed to Determine/Notes</b>
A. Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?		X		Mitigated; see condition below.
B. Have adverse effects on such unique characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks?		X		
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects?		X		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X		
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X		
F. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X		
G. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		X		
H. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X		
I. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		X		
J. Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X		
K. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E))?		X		
L. Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		X		
M. Restrict access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?		X		
N. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?		X		
O. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of non-native invasive species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of non-native invasive species (EO 13112)?		X		

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P. Require a permit from a federal, state, or local agency to proceed, unless the agency from which the permit is required agrees that a CE is appropriate?		X		
Q. Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		X		
R. Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?		X		
S. Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?		X		
<b>Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:</b> 1. Submit a Safety Work Plan to the park Safety Office (209-379-1079) for review and approval before proceeding with this work. (Safety Office)				

**E. SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST**

Within the area of potential effect, are there:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		X		
2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		X		
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?		X		
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		X		
If "yes" to any of the above questions, a Special-Status Species Checklist must be completed and attached.				
<b>Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:</b> 1.				

**F. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST**

Within the area of potential effect:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Will there be ground disturbance?	X			Mitigated; assessment of effect is "No Effect;" see attached XXX.
2. Are there any archeological sites?		X		
3. Are there any traditional cultural resources?		X		
4. Is the project within the boundary of an archeological or historic district?	X			Yosemite Valley and Curry Village Historic Districts. Mitigated; see condition 1 below and attached XXX.
5a. Is there a National Historic Landmark?		X		
5b. Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of Classified Structures</i> ?			X	
5c. Is there a historic property with a DOE and concurrence by the SHPO or a completed National Register form?			X	
5d. Is there a cultural property requiring review under NHPA, Section 110?			X	
6. Would there be alteration of a structure or cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?		X		
If "yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment of Effects form (YOSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.				
<b>Mitigations and Conditions:</b>				
1. Consult and conform to Design Guidelines for Yosemite Valley and the Secretary of Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation.				

**G. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST**

Is the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Within designated Wilderness?		X		
2. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		X		
If "yes" to either of the above, then a Wilderness Minimum Requirements Analysis must be completed and attached.				
<b>Mitigations and Conditions:</b>				
1.				

**H. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST**

Does the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? If 'yes', name the river(s)		X		
2. Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?			X	
3. Potentially affect water quality of the area?			X	
4. Remain consistent with its river segment classification?			X	
5. Protect and enhance river ORVs?			X	
6a. Fall within the River Protection Overlay?			X	
6b. If "yes", is it consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?			X	
8. Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?			X	
9a. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		X		
9b. If 9a is "yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?			X	
9c. If 9a is "yes", will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?			X	
If "yes" to questions 2, 9b, or 9c, then a WSRA Section 7 determination must be completed and attached.				
<b>Mitigations and Conditions:</b>				
1.				



## I. NEPA Analysis and Approval Conditions

When implemented as detailed in the project description and following all Project Mitigations and Conditions listed below, this project meets the terms and conditions of a categorical exclusion to NEPA.

### Applicable Categorical Exclusion:

DO12 3.4 C (3) – Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds, and trails.

### Project Mitigations and Conditions:

1. **Submit a Safety Work Plan to the park Safety Office (209-379-1079) for review and approval before proceeding with this work. (Safety Office)**
2. **Consult and conform to Design Guidelines for Yosemite Valley and the Secretary of Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation. (Environmental Planning and Compliance Office)**

*This project has been reviewed in accordance with the above criteria and it has been determined that the project will result in no or minimal environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, the necessary compliance coordination has been completed with regard to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act.*

//Renea Kennec// 12/27/05  
Compliance Specialist Date

//GWColliver// 12/27/05  
Compliance Program Manager Date

//Bill Delaney// 12/28/05  
Chief, Project Management Date

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## Attachment B



Photo 1 Damage to Exterior Wall and Deck



Photo 2 Damage to Exterior Wall and Deck



Photo 3 Damage to Entrance



Photo 4 Damage to Entrance



**Photo 5 Foundation Damage-Rodent Damage**



**Photo 6 Shower Tile Offset Damage**



**Photo 7 Shower Tile Damage-Sinking Floor**

## A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Project Title & ID:** 2006-013 Curry Village Pool Shower House Rehabilitation: (14085)

2. **NPS Project Proponent:** Larry Harris

**Partner Project Proponent:** DNC, Earl Zack

3. **Project Description:** This project will rehabilitate the Curry Village Pool Shower House (CVPS) foundation to stabilize the structure. The project will include foundation stabilization and interior repairs to the shower stalls and tile. The project will proceed as follows:

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- Installation of concrete footings and stem curbs under all walls. Curbs to extend six inches above finished flooring.
- Install all new DWV and water piping.
- Install a slurry fill mixture to bring grade to desired level to receive concrete flooring.
- Install a colored concrete floor sloped to floor drains [this would be the finished floor].
- Install all new ceramic tile in shower floors and walls up to seven feet high.
- Install ceramic tile seven feet high on all walls in shower area.
- Install new ceramic wanes coating around all toilet and urinals up 48" high.
- Replace all wooden decking at the poolside with a concrete slab and install gutter drains to route water away from building.
- Demolish entry concrete and replace with exposed aggregate concrete per ADA specs.
- Repair exterior walls at poolside.
- Repaint structure inside and out.
- Re roof structure complete.
- Perform repairs to the existing ADA shower stall(s), which are currently not usable due to foundation damage.

4. **Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:** Curry Village Historic District

5. Attached Sensitive* Information	Yes	No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps	X		Camp Curry Developed Area, Contributing Resources, Yosemite Valley Historic District map; TCP and Arch map
b. Drawings			
c. Site Plans			
d. Photographs			
e. Sample			
f. List of Materials			
g. Other (Explain)			

\* Sensitive documents not for duplication or distribution beyond park management, subject matter experts, and the project statutory compliance file.



## B. DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS

	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
<b>1. Has the Area of Potential Effect been surveyed to identify cultural resources?</b> If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).	X			Curry Village Historic District; Yosemite Valley Historic District; Yosemite Valley Archaeological District; YOSE 1974A
a. Would the proposed action affect a known cultural resource?	X			Historic Cultural Landscape

<b>2. List all Cultural Resources in the Area of Potential Effect:</b>	Affected?		Explanation/Note
	Yes	No	
a. Curry Village Cultural Landscape	X		

<b>3. List resources in the Area of Potential Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:</b>	Affected?		Explanation/Note
	Yes	No	
a.	X		Yosemite Valley is considered a potential traditional cultural property.

<b>4. The proposed action will:</b>	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Note
• Destroy, remove, or alter features or elements from a historic structure		X		
• Replace historic features/elements in kind		X		
• Add nonhistoric features/elements to a historic structure		X		
• Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)	X			
• Add nonhistoric features/elements (including visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape	X			
• Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain		X		
• Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain		X		
• Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources		X		
• Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)		X		
• Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources	X			
• Other				



5. Describe any measures that are incorporated as part of this project that will be taken to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of prehistoric or historic fabric, setting, integrity, or data:

**Checklist Preparer:** Jeannette Simons

**Date:** 12/8/05

**Title:** Historic Preservation Officer/Native American Liaison

### C. SPECIALIST SECTION

**Specialists:** Your comments here (or attached) show that you have reviewed this proposal for conformity with requirements of *National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106*; with the 1995 *Service-wide Programmatic Agreement* (if applicable); with applicable parts of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*; with the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*; and have given your best professional advice about this project and the issues relevant to the Section 106 process, including identification and evaluation of historic properties and further consultation needs.

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**Archeologist**

Name: **Laura Kirn**

Date: 12/8/05

Comments:

Ground Disturbance Involved      Yes:      No:

Assessment of Effect: **No effect.**

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Archeologist: //signed original on file//

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**Cultural Anthropologist**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Cultural Anthropologist: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Curator**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Curator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Historian**

Name: **Charles Palmer**

Date: 12/8/2005

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: **No adverse effect.**

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Historian: //signed original on file//

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**Historic Architect**

Name: **Sueann Brown**

Date: 12/08/2005

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: **No adverse effect.**

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Historic Architect: //signed original on file//

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**Historic Landscape Architect**

Name: **Steven Torgerson**

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: **No adverse effect.**

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Historic Landscape Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Preservation Specialist**

Name: **Doug Martin**

Date: 12/8/2005

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: **No effect.**

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Preservation Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name:

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name:

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE DIVISION AND PARK 106  
COORDINATOR REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Review by specialists:** The appropriate subject-matter experts have reviewed the project and entered their comments and recommendations in Section C, above.

*The foregoing assessment is adequate: the proposed action is consistent with all applicable NPS management policies, standards, guidelines, or US DOI standards and guidelines, Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, or others, and incorporates measures to avoid Adverse Effects.*

**Reviewed and Accepted by:**

**Signature:** //Niki Nicholas//  
Chief of Resources Management & Science Division

**Date:** 12/14/05

- 2. Assessment of Effects: No adverse effect.**

- 3. Compliance Requirements:** The following is the park's assessment of Section 106 process needs and requirements for this undertaking.

☐ **Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation**

Consultation under 36 CFR is needed subsequent to the preparation of this form and its review by appropriate cultural resource management advisors.

☒ **Undertaking related to the 1995 NPS Programmatic Agreement**

The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV of the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement. 9

☐ **Plan-Related Undertaking**

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement and 36 CFR Part 800.

☐ **Undertaking Related to Another Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under a document such as a statewide agreement written in accordance with 37 CFR Part 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

**Agreement:**

☐ **Flood-Recovery Related Undertaking**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under the letter-based agreement between the NPS, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Council for Historic Preservation for "Highwater 97" flood repair and recovery

☒ **Undertaking Related to the 1999 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under the park's 1999 programmatic agreement for planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance; the undertaking meets the stipulations identified in Article VII.C.2.

#### 4. Project Stipulations and Conditions

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effects above is consistent with 36 CFR 800 criteria of effect or to mitigate potential adverse effects:

1. Consult and conform with Design Guidelines for Yosemite Valley and the Secretary of Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation.

#### Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:

Name: **Jeannette Simons**

Title: **Historic Preservation Officer**

Signature: //signed original on file// Date: 12/19/05

#### E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

*The proposed work conforms to NPS Management Policies and NPS-28 and I approve the recommendations, stipulations, and conditions noted in Section B of this form.*

Signature of Superintendent: //MJTollefson//

Date: 1/3/05

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Office in Yosemite National Park.*