### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Title: Yosemite Valley Residence 6 Stairs Rebuild

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-027 PEPC Project Number: #14449

<u>Location</u>: Mariposa County, California; Yosemite Valley, Residence 6

NPS Project Proponent: Facilities Management, Steve Shewchuck

Cultural Resource Effects Assessment Form (XXX)

#### **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(4) - Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

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):

	Wilderness Minimum Requiremen	nt Analysis
	☐ Wild and Scenic River Section 7 I	Determination
	Park Management Terms and Co	nditions
	Other:	
C. [	DECISION	
e	um familiar, I am categorically excluding	t information in the statutory compliance file, with which I g the described project from further NEPA analysis. No in DO12 3.5 or 3.6 apply and the action is fully described in
_//R.	Kevin Cann (Acting)//	1/26/06
	nael J. Tollefson	Date
Origi	inal: Statutory Compliance File Project Proponent	
	chments (2)	The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance

Office in Yosemite National Park.



# **United States Department of the Interior**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 577 Yosemite, California 95389

IN REPLY REFER TO: L7617 (YOSE)

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To: Steve Shewchuck

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-027 Yosemite Valley Residence 6 Stairs Rebuild (14449)

Your proposed 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(4) - Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

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.

_//R. Kevin Cann (Acting)//	1/26/06
Michael J. Tollefson	Date
Enclosure (with attachments)	
cc: Statutory Compliance File	The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in Yosemite National Park.

### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP

Project Title: Yosemite Village Residence 6 Stairs Rebuild

**Project Number:** 14449

**Project Type:** Facility Rehabilitation (FR)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California District, Section: Yosemite Valley, Yosemite Village Project Originator/Coordinator: Steve Shewchuck

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

Residence #6 steps and wings have settled and become detached from the building. Because a redwood block in the dirt was used as the main foundation for the stairs, the stairs must be completely rebuilt. The proposed stairs with concrete footing and landing would mitigate future unsteady accessibility. Except for anchor bolted mudsills for the wing walls and an anchor bolted mudsill for the stair stringers, all other lumber and shingles would be replaced in kind. UBC 1003.3.35 says, "Exterior stairs are required to have a landing as deep as the stairs are wide..." A 24 inch concrete landing with exposed aggregate finish would tie to the existing asphalt walkway and meet the code requirement.

**Table B1 – Background Information** 

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		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Did NPS staff conduct a site visit? If yes, list attendees. If no, explain.		$\boxtimes$		Staff are familiar with site.
2a.	Is the project providing compliance for an action associated with but not covered by an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.); OR				
2b.	Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.		$\boxtimes$		
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?			$\boxtimes$	
2d.	Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?			$\boxtimes$	
3a.	Are there any interested or affected parties?		$\boxtimes$		
3b.	Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?				
4a.	Are there any affected agencies or tribes?		$\boxtimes$		
4b.	Has consultation been completed?				

Table B2 – Environmental Screening Form Attachments (provide Attachment letter—A, B, etc.)

		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Maps: 2 required (vicinity map & site map)	$\boxtimes$			Map 1, Vicinity, Attachment A.
2.	Drawings (e.g., design, construction)	$\boxtimes$			Construction Drawing, Attachment B.
3.	Site Plans		$\boxtimes$		
4.	Photographs	$\boxtimes$			Project Photos, Attachment C.
5.	Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)			$\boxtimes$	
6.	Other (Explain)			$\boxtimes$	

### C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

	e any impacts possible on the following ources?	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Geologic resources: soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc	X			Negligible: assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect," see attached XXX.
2.	From geohazards		X		
3.	Air quality		X		
1.	Soundscapes	X			Negligible: temporary noise during construction.
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		
	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; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse 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		
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		
	Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies		X		
	Resource, including energy, conservation potential		X		
24.	Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.		X		
25.	Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity		X		
	Other important environment resources (e.g.		X		

# D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

	implemented, would the proposed action:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
	Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?	_ 05	X	- 1/2E	
	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		Yosemite Village Historic District and Yosemite Valley Culture Landscape; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects?		X		
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X		
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X		
6.	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X		
7.	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		X		
8.	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		
9.	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		X		
10.	Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X		
11.	Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E)?		X		
12.	Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		X		
13.	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		
14.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?		X		
15.	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		
16.	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		
17.	Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		X		
18.	Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?		X		
	Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?		X		
<b>Co</b>	mments, Mitigations and Conditions: None				

# E. SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST

Within the	area of potential effect, are there:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
	or proposed threatened or				
	ered species (Federal or State)?	Ш		ш	
	of special concern (Federal or	П	$\boxtimes$	П	
State)?	vo mlanta an magatation?	_	$\square$	$\overline{}$	
	re plants or vegetation?  al habitat for any special-status				
	listed above?	Ш	$\boxtimes$	Ш	
		Status	Speci	es Che	cklist must be completed and attached.
	, Mitigations and Conditions:				
1. None					
F. NATIO	NAL HISTORIC PRESERVAT	ΓΙΟN .	ACT	CHE	CKLIST
Within the	area of potential effect:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Will the	ere be ground disturbance?	$\boxtimes$		П	The assessment of effect is "No Adverse
	•				Effect" see XXX.
	re any archeological sites?	Ш		Ш	
	re any Native American Indian nal cultural resources?		$\boxtimes$		
					Yosemite Valley Archeological District,
	roject within the boundary of an ogical or historic landscape or	$\boxtimes$			Yosemite Village Historic District, and
district	•		ш	ш	Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape; the
					assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect."
5a. Is there	a National Historic Landmark?	Ш		Ш	VOSE 1074A (Pacidanas & Vasamita
	a structure(s) on the park's List of	$\boxtimes$			YOSE 1974A (Residence 6, Yosemite Village); the assessment of effect is "No
Classifi	ed Structures?		ш	ш	Adverse Effect.".
	a historic property with a DOE and				
	ence by the SHPO or a completed			$\boxtimes$	
	al Register form?				
	a cultural property requiring review IHPA, Section 106?			$\boxtimes$	
	·				YOSE 1974A and Yosemite Valley Cultural
	there be alteration of a structure or landscape covered by 5a-d, above?	$\boxtimes$			Landscape; the assessment of effect is "No
	<u> </u>				Adverse Effect."
		of Effe	ects fo	orm (Y	OSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.
Mitigations 1. None	s and Conditions:				
1. None					
G *****					
G. WILD	ERNESS ACT CHECKLIST				
	osed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
	designated Wilderness?	_   _		닏	
	a Potential Wilderness Addition?	[inipara	Dag:	LI vimo era e	nto Analysis must be completed and attached
	s and Conditions:	ıııımun	ı Keqi	urremei	nts Analysis must be completed and attached.
1. None	and Conditions.				

### H. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST

Do	es 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)		$\boxtimes$		
2.	Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?				
3.	Potentially affect water quality of the area?			$\boxtimes$	
4.	Remain consistent with its river segment classification?				
5.	Protect and enhance river ORVs?				
6a.	Fall within the River Protection Overlay?				
6b.	If "yes", is it consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?			$\boxtimes$	
7.	Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?				
8a.	Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		$\boxtimes$		
8b.	If 9a is "yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?				
8c.	If 9a is "yes", will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?			$\boxtimes$	
If "	yes" to questions 2, 9b, or 9c, then a WSRA Se	ection	7 dete	rmination must be	e completed and attached.
Mi	tigations and Conditions:				
1.	None				

### 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 C(4) - Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

### **Project Mitigations and Conditions:**

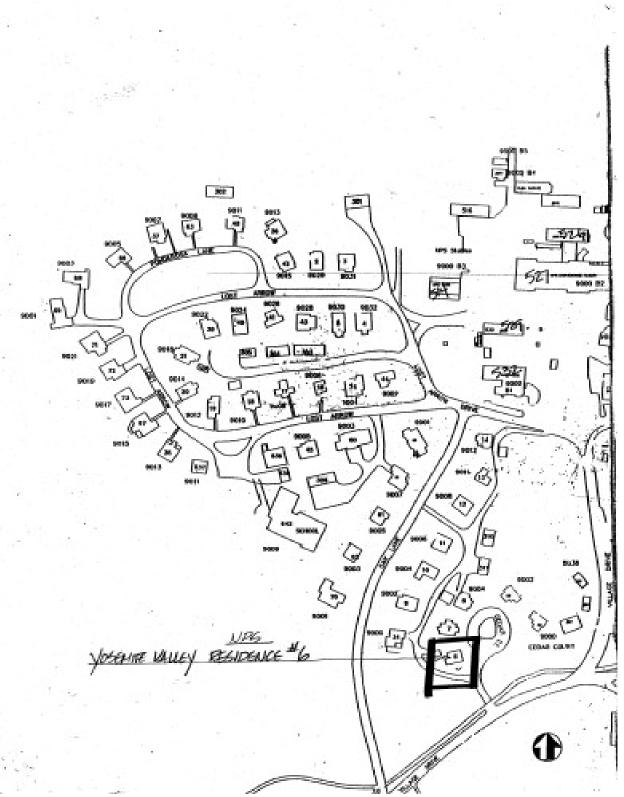
### 1. None

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.

//GWColliver//	1/23/06
Compliance Specialist	Date
//Mark A Butler//	1/23/06
Compliance Program Manager	Date
//Bill Dolanov//	1/25/06
//Bill Delaney// Chief, Project Management	1/23/00 <b>Date</b>

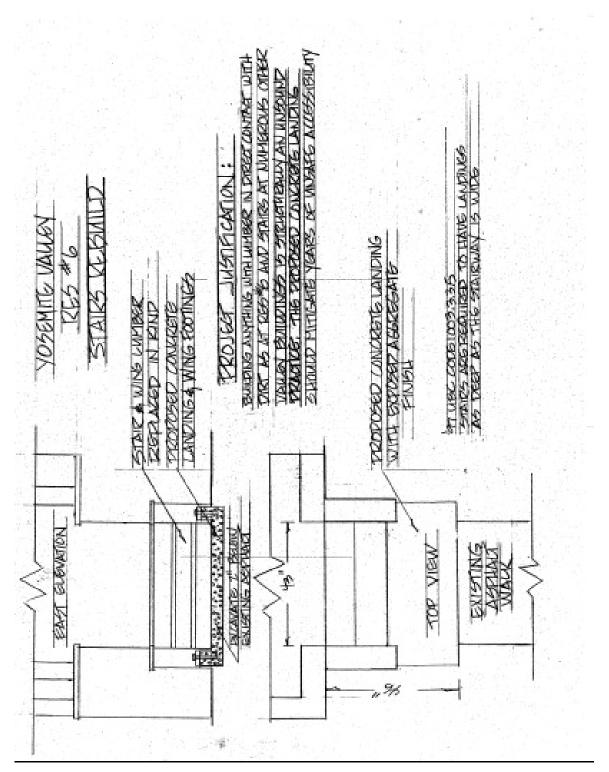
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# Attachment A



Map 1 Residence #6 – Yosemite Village Vicinity Map

# **Attachment B**



**Figure 1 Construction Drawing** 

# **Attachment C**



**Photo 1 Residence #6 and Front Steps** 



**Photo 2 Residence #6 Front Steps** 

### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Project Title & ID: 2006-027 Yosemite Village Residence 6 Stairs Rebuild

2. Project Proponent: Steve Shewchuck, Facilities Management

### 3. Project Description:

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### 4. Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:

### **Yosemite Village**

5. Attached Sensitive* Information	Yes	No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps	X		CR GIS Map
b. Drawings			
c. Site Plans			
d. Photographs			
e. Sample			
f. List of Materials			
g. Other (Explain)			

<sup>\*</sup> 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
1. Has the Area of Potential Effect been surveyed to identify cultural resources? If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).	X			YOSE 1974A Yosemite Valley Archeological District Yosemite Valley Historic District Yosemite Village Historic District
a. Would the proposed action affect a known cultural resource?	X			Residence 6 is a contributing element to the historic district

2. List all Cultural Resources in the Area of		Affected?		Explanation/Note
Potential Effect	t <b>:</b>	Yes	No	Explanation/Note
a. Residence 6 b. CA-MRP-00	56/61/196/298/299/300	X		

3. List resources in the Area of Potential		eted?		
Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:	Yes No		Explanation/Note	
<ul><li>a. Ahwahne Village</li><li>b. Traditional use area</li></ul>	X		Ground disturbance	

4. The proposed action will:	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			Lumber and shingles will be replaced in- kind
<ul> <li>Add nonhistoric features/elements to a historic structure</li> </ul>	X			Concrete footing and landing, anchor bolted mudsills
<ul> <li>Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)</li> </ul>		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			Within boundary of known site
<ul> <li>Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain</li> </ul>	X			Within boundary of known American Indian archeological deposit
Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources		X		
<ul> <li>Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)</li> </ul>		X		
Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources		X		
• Other		X		

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: 1/05/06

**Title:** Historic Preservation Officer

### 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 *Servicewide 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.

Archeologist Comments:	Name: Laura Kirn	Date:1/11/2006
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: <b>No adverse</b> Recommendations for Conditions of		
Signature of Archeologist://signe	ed original on file//	
<b>Cultural Anthropologist</b> Comments:	Name:	Date:
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
Signature of Cultural Anthropologi	st:	
Curator Comments:	Name:	Date:
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommendations for Conditions of	or Stipulations:	
Signature of Curator:		

Historian Comments:	Name: Charles Palmer	Date:1/11/2006
Assessment of Effect: <b>No adverse e</b> ffect: Recommendations for Conditions or		
Signature of Historian: //signed ori	ginal on file//	
Historic Architect Comments:	Name:Sueann Brown	Date: 1/11/2006
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Signature of Historic Architect: //si	igned original on file//	
Historic Landscape Architect Comments:	Name: Steven Torgerson	Date: 1/11/2006
Assessment of Effect: <b>No adverse e</b> ffect: <b>No adverse e</b> ffett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b>No adverse effett: No adverse effett: No adverse effett: <b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b></b>		
Signature of Historic Landscape Arc	chitect: //signed original on file//	

Preservation Specialist Name: Doug Martin Date: 1/11/2006

Comments: Per photo, should not store firewood on wood deck. It adds to deterioration.

Assessment of Effect: No adverse effect.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of Preservation Specialist: //signed original on file//

American Indian Liaison Name: Jeannette Simons Date: 1/11/2006

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: No effect.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Signature of American Indian Liaison: //signed original on file//

# 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.

Hi	storic Bui	ildings, or others, and	d incorporates measures to avoid Ad	lverse Effects.
Re	viewed a	nd Accepted by:		
Sig	gnature:	//Niki Stephanie Ni Chief of Resources	icholas// Management & Science Division	<b>Date:</b> 1/11/06
2.	Assessn	nent of Effects: No a	dverse effect.	
3.	Compli	ance Requirements:	The following is the park's assessmeeds and requirements for this un	_
	Sta	andard 36 CFR Part	t 800 Consultation	
			R is needed subsequent to the preparatic rce management advisors.	on of this form and its review by
	<sup>x</sup> Ur	ndertaking related to	o the 1995 NPS Programmatic Ag	reement
		e above action meets all PS programmatic agreen	l conditions for a programmatic exclusi ment.Exemption 9	on under Stipulation IV of the 1995
	Pla	an-Related Undertal	king	
			of the proposed undertaking were comp th the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement	
	Ur	ndertaking Related t	to Another Agreement	
			g is covered for Section 106 purposes unordance with 37 CFR Part 800.7 or coun	
	Aş	greement:		
	Fle	ood-Recovery Relate	ed Undertaking	
	be		g is covered for Section 106 purposes unter Historic Preservation Office, and the drepair and recovery	
	Ur	ndertaking Related t	to the 1999 Yosemite Programmat	ic Agreement
	ag		g is covered for Section 106 purposes un esign, construction, operations and mai 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:

### a. None

Recomme	nded by Park Section 106 Coordinator:
Name:	Jeannette Simons
Title:	Historic Preservation Officer
Signature:	//Jeannette Simons Date: 1/11/06
The propos	INTENDENT'S APPROVAL  sed work conforms to NPS Management Policies and NPS-28 and I approve the dations, stipulations, and conditions noted in Section B of this form.
Signature	of Superintendent://R. Kevin Cann (Acting)//
	<b>Date:</b> //1/26/06

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