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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Memorandum

To: Garrett Chun, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park
From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvements (60364)

The Executive Leadership Team has reviewed the proposed project and completed its environmental assessment documentation, and we have determined the following:

- There will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- There will be no adverse effect on historical, cultural, or archeological resources.
- There will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved and construction and/or project implementation can commence.

For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- Based on the proximity of the project area to a nearby historic site, archeological monitoring is required during all ground disturbing activities.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

- Coordinate project dates with NPS Concession Management and DNC to temporarily close area during tree falling. Treacy Stone is the NPS/BRM/concession point of contact.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 60364.

// Jeff Hilliard // for Don L. Neubacher

Don L. Neubacher

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.*

Letter of Compliance Completion - Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvements - PEPC ID: 60364



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2015-027 Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvements

PEPC Project Number: 60364

Description of Action (Project Description):

This project will address a clogging manhole that has created a sanitary sewer overflow occurring on a pedestrian walkway just north of the Curry Village Mountain Shop. Improvements will consist of the installation of 55 feet of 6" sewer pipe, 20 feet of 4" pipe, 1 manhole, and 1 two-way cleanout.

Specifically, trenching to install sewer pipe will be done with a 24" wide bucket on a mini-excavator or backhoe. The average depth is 3.5 feet. There will be approximately 16.9 cubic yards of trenching. Trenching to install the manhole will be 4 feet in diameter and about 3.5 feet deep (approximately 1.6 cubic yards).

The sewer cleanout will be part of the sewer trenching and will not cause additional soil excavation.

A 26" cedar tree will be need to be downed.

Project Location:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigation(s):

- Based on the proximity of the project area to a nearby historic site, archeological monitoring is required during all ground disturbing activities.

CE Citation: C.15 Installation of underground utilities in previously disturbed areas having stable soils, or in an existing utility right-of-way.

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 (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Superintendent: // Jeff Hilliard // for Don L. Neubacher **Date:** 10/28/2015

Don L. Neubacher



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: 2015-027 Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvements
PEPC Project Number: 60364
Project Type: Capital Improvement/New Construction (CI)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California
Project Leader: Garrett Chun

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Minor and temporary emissions and dust from rig or auger device
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
Biological Vegetation	None	
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Archeological Resources	Potential	Based on proximity of the project area to a nearby historic site, archeological monitoring is required during all ground disturbing activities.
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	None	
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Geological Geologic Features <i>Soils</i>	Potential	Utility trenching, 2'x3.5'x 55', 16.9 cu yards; manholes and cleanouts, 1.6 cu yards.
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscapes Lightscapes	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	Potential	Beneficial impact by eliminating over spills.
Other Operational	Potential	Beneficial impact by eliminating over spills.
Other Other	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscapes Soundscapes <i>Noise Level</i>	Potential	Temporary noise from construction machinery during normal business hours.
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and Experience	None	
Water Floodplains	None	
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	
Water Wetlands	None	
Water Wild and Scenic River <i>Merced River</i>	Potential	Beneficial impact by eliminating over spills.
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>// Corrie Stetzel //</u> Compliance Specialist – Corrie Stetzel	<u>10/21/2015</u>
<u>// Madelyn Ruffner //</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>10/21/2015</u>
<u>//Randy Fong //</u> Chief, Project Management – Randy Fong	<u>10/26/2015</u>

Approved:

Superintendent	Date
<u>// Jeff Hilliard // for Don L. Neubacher</u> Don L. Neubacher	<u>10/28/2015</u>



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: 2015-027 Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvements

Prepared by: Scott Carpenter **Date Prepared:** 10/19/2015 **Telephone:** 209.379.1314

PEPC Project Number: 60364

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

Yosemite Valley Archeological District, Camp Curry Historic District and Yosemite Valley Historic District

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?**

☐ No

☒ Yes

Source or reference: Archeological Monitoring (Baldrice 1988; Gavette and Depascale 2012)

Archeological Survey (Napton 1974)

Archeological Testing (Nilsson et al. 2009)

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

Archeological resources affected:

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Archeological District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Name and number(s): Yosemite Valley Historic District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Name and number(s): Camp Curry Historic District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Archeological Resources Notes: The project area falls in close proximity to a historic site.

Ethnographic Resources Affected Notes: No known ethnographic/sacred resources. Project was included on the August 2015 tribal consultation spreadsheet as an informational item.

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

- ☐ No Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
- ☐ No Replace historic features/elements in kind
- ☐ No Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
- ☐ No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)
Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic
☐ No setting or cultural landscape
- ☐ No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible
- ☐ No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible
- ☐ Yes Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources
Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape
☐ No elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
- ☐ No Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

[X] Archeologist

Name: Sara Dolan

Date: 08/31/2015

Comments: YOSE 1999 PA, stipulation VII.C.2.h.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☒ No Historic Properties Affected ☐ No
Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Based on the proximity of the project area to a nearby historic site, archeological monitoring is required during all ground disturbing activities.

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Anthropologist

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 10/21/2015

Comments: No known ethnographic resources within project area. Due to project being located in areas of existing utility lines and previous disturbance, no Tribal Monitoring is planned.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☒ No
Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: No known ethnographic resources within project area. Due to project being located in areas of existing utility lines and previous disturbance, no Tribal Monitoring is planned.

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historical Architect

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 10/23/2015

Comments: No historic properties/buildings/structures affected

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☒ No

Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 10/23/2015

Comments: Trenching in previously disturbed areas of existing utility lines. No landscape features affected.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☒ No

Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

No Reviews From: Curator, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

☐ No Potential to Cause Effects
☐ No Historic Properties Affected
☒ No Adverse Effect
☐ Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

☐ A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION
Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

☐ B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

☐ C. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.
Specify plan/EA/EIS:

☒ D. UNDERTAKING RELATED TO ANOTHER AGREEMENT

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

1999 Programmatic Agreement as amended in 2014.

☐ E. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

☐ G. Memo to SHPO/THPO

☐ H. Memo to ACHP

SHPO/THPO Notes: Project included on August 2015 tribal spreadsheet as an informational item.

3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions:

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

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties:
(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

- Based on the proximity of the project area to a nearby historic site, archeological monitoring is required during all ground disturbing activities.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Historic Preservation Officer:

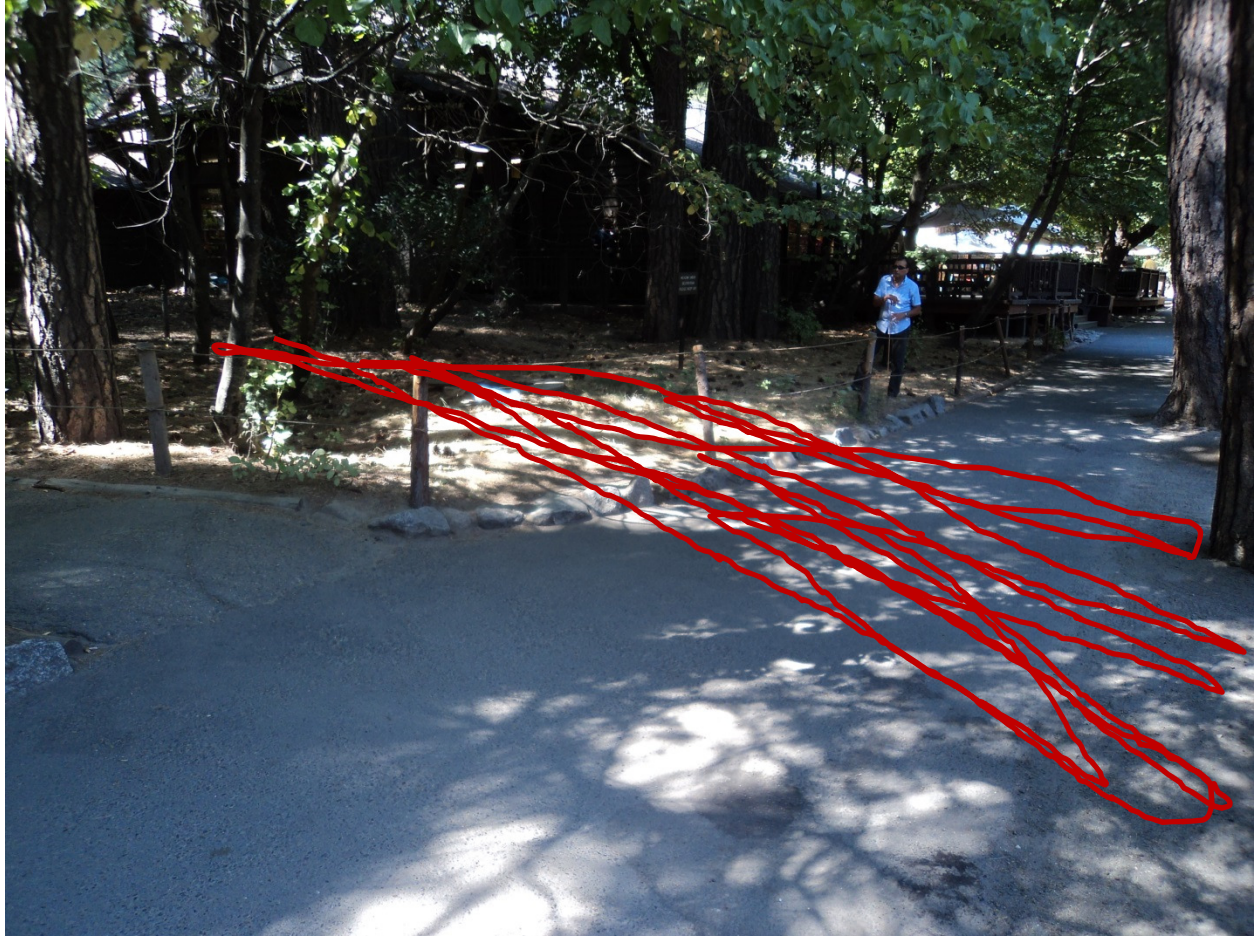
Kimball Koch // Kimball Koch // **Date:** 10/26/2015

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

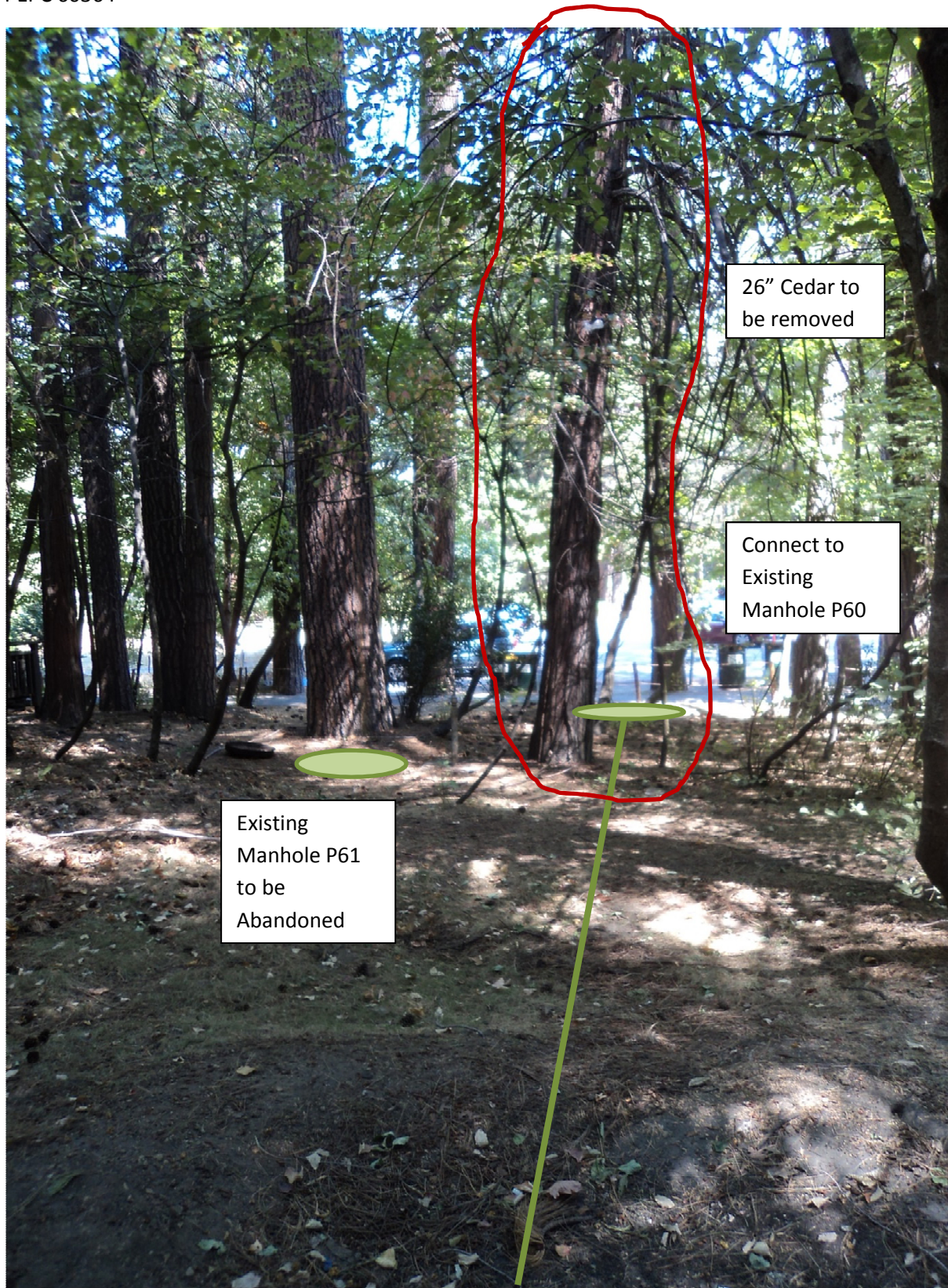
Superintendent: // Jeff Hilliard // for Don L. Neubacher **Date:** 10/28/2015
Don L. Neubacher

Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvements
PEPC 60364



Major pedestrian walkway at Curry Village to/from the Curry Village Parking Lot. The Mountain Shop is in the background. Red lines describe the likely path of a sanitary sewer overflow that occurred a few summers ago.

Curry Village Mountain Shop Sewer Improvments
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Proposed new sewer alignment and 26" diameter cedar to be removed.

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26" Cedar Tree to be removed



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