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Yosemite National Park
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Memorandum

To: William Bryan, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park
From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2016-012 Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand Relocate (65171)

The Executive Leadership Team has reviewed the proposed project/action 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:

- No mitigations identified.

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 65171.

//Don L. Neubacher //
Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2016-012 Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand Relocate

PEPC Project Number: 65171

Description of Action (Project Description):

Yosemite Hospitality LLC staff is relocating the bike equipment rental to the west side of the Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool apron. This section of the apron is poured concrete and approximately 85'x 22'. A temporary/movable kiosk which is wired for electricity will be placed on the western apron to perform the business functions of the bike stand. The kiosk is 13'x5'x10' and has been relocated to Yosemite Valley from discontinued concessioner operations in the Mariposa Grove. Utility (electricity) is provided through a 142' run of metal conduit attached to the existing chain link fence from nearest existing connection point behind the former pool snack stand. The concessioner will relocate the existing 85' chain link fence on the east side of the apron and move it to the west side of the pool to create a bike storage area. Existing fence posts from the east apron will be cut and holes patched with concrete. To place the fence posts on the western side of the apron, holes will be cut into the concrete apron to an approximate depth of 6-8 inches before installing new posts and chain link fencing.

Additional rental bikes will be stored along the fence outside the north side of the pool. The gate to enter the bike shop will also be relocated to the northwestern corner of the pool apron. The entry gate will be approximately 8' in width. Removal of the western gate will allow visitors to enter the pool area through the western entrance as well as provide more shaded seating with an existing pergola. The existing entrance gate is in excess of 5' wide and does not require any alteration to provide for access.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigation(s):

- No mitigations identified.

CE Citation: C.8 Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity or appearance.

Explanation:

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent: // Don L. Neubacher //

Don L. Neubacher

Date: 7/22/2016

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Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	
L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: 2016-012 Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand Relocate

PEPC Project Number: 65171

Project Type: Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)

Project Location:

County, State:

Mariposa, California

Project Leader: William Bryan

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Brief dust creation while fence posts are cut
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	None	
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	None	
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological Geologic Features	None	
Geological Geologic Processes	None	

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Lightscares Lightscares	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
Other Operational	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscares Soundscares	Potential	Temporary construction noise during regular business hours
Viewsheds Viewsheds	None	
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 Wild and Scenic River</i>	Potential	This project is within the Merced Wild and Scenic River Corridor.
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists <u>// Kristin Anderson //</u> Compliance Specialist – Kristin Anderson	Date <u>7/18/2016</u>
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<u>// Madelyn Ruffner //</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>7/20/2016</u>
<u>// Randy Fong //</u> Chief, Project Management – Randy Fong	<u>7/21/2016</u>

Approved:

Superintendent <u>// Don L. Neubacher //</u> Don L. Neubacher	Date <u>7/22/2016</u>
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ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand Relocate

Prepared by: Renea Kennec **Date Prepared:** 06/07/2016 **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 65171

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

Yosemite Valley Archeological District; Yosemite Valley Historic District, Yosemite Lodge
Historic District (Draft)

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

 No

 X Yes

Source or reference:

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

Historical Structures/Resources Affected:

Name and number(s): Yosemite Lodge - Determination of Eligibility in process

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

 Yes Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

 No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)

 Yes Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting
or cultural landscape

 No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

 No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

 No Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

 No Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape 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] 106 Advisor
Name: Kimball Koch
Date: 07/14/2016

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect ___ No Historic Properties
Affected ___ X No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Anthropologist
Name: Eirik Thorsgard
Date: 07/18/2016

Comments: No ethnographic resources identified inside of proposed project area. No proposed ground disturbance.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect X No Historic Properties
Affected ___ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Archeologist
Name: Sara Dolan
Date: 07/11/2016

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect X No Historic Properties
Affected ___ No Adverse Effect ___ Adverse Effect ___ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Park Specific Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historian
Name: Scott Carpenter
Date: 07/13/2016

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ___ No Potential to Cause Effect ___ No Historic Properties

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Affected ☒ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review
Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

[X] Historical Architect
Name: Scott Carpenter
Date: 07/13/2016

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:

[X] Historical Landscape Architect
Name: Kimball Koch
Date: 07/14/2016

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 Reviews From: Curator, 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.)

9. Maintenance or Replacement of Non-Historic Utility Lines, Transmission Lines, and Fences.

Explanation:

☐ 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 PA as amended in 2016

☐ 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:

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.)**

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Historic Preservation Officer:

Kimball Koch // Kimball Koch //

Date: 7/21/2016

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.

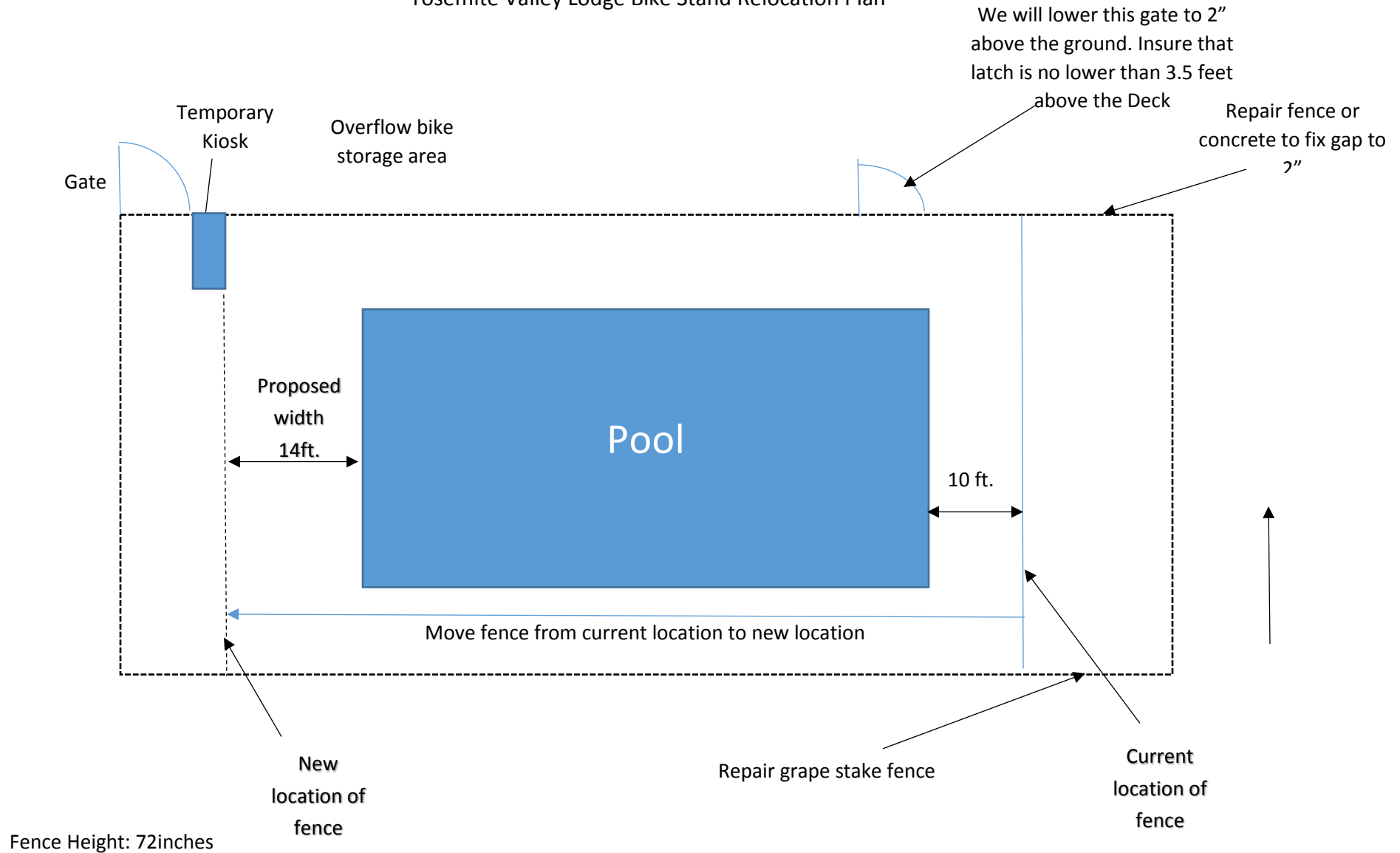
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Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand Relocation Plan



Entire perimeter fence must not contain gaps, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would enable a five year old child to climb over







Current location of fence proposed to be relocated
Covered area proposed to be incorporated into pool deck

View facing east





Temporary fence proposed to be replaced by relocated cyclone fence

Temporary point of sale kiosk at left

View facing southeast

