

## Categorical Exclusion

(Version: AUG06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-090

PEPC Project Number: 16582

### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

**Title:** Curry Village Service Station Hydraulic Lift Removal (Y4-0611)

**Location:** Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County, California

**Project Manager:** Bill Rust, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park

**Project Manager:** Earl Zack, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite

### 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 (16) - *Installation of underground utilities in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance or areas within an existing road prism or within an existing overhead utility right-of-way.*

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 negligible 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):

- ☒ *Environmental Screening Form*
- ☒ *Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE-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.*

//R. Kevin Cann, Acting//  
Michael J. Tollefson, Superintendent

9/11/06  
Date

Original: Statutory Compliance File  
cc: Project Proponent

Attachments (2)

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# 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-PM)

## Memorandum

To: Bill Rust, Project Manager, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park  
Earl Zack, Project Manager, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-090 Curry Village Hydraulic Lift Removal (Y4-6011) (PEPC# 16582)

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 (16) - *Installation of underground utilities in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance or areas within an existing road prism or within an existing overhead utility right-of-way.*

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//  
Michael J. Tollefson, Superintendent

9/11/06  
Date

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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the Environmental Planning and Compliance  
Office in Yosemite National Park.*

## Environmental Screening Form

(Version: AUG06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-090

PEPC Project Number: 16582

### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

**Title:** Curry Village Hydraulic Lift Removal (Y4-0611)

**Location:** Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County, California

**Project Manager:** Bill Rust, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park

**Project Manager:** Earl Zack, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

This project will remove an abandoned hydraulic lift discovered at the Curry Village Raft Stand walkway.

Specifications for project execution will be prepared and submitted to the NPS for review. Precautions will be taken to prevent hazardous materials from being released to soil and groundwater resources. Soil samples will be taken as needed to assess the need for any soil or groundwater clean-up in accordance with the State of California regulations.

Should soil and groundwater contamination be present, the project will include clean-up to Federal and State of California standards.

**Table B1 – Background Information**

	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1. Did NPS staff conduct a site visit? If yes, list attendees. If no, explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff is familiar with the 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2b. Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2c. Is the project consistent with that plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2d. Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3a. Are there any interested or affected parties?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State of California.
3b. Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?	<input type="checkbox"/>			The appropriate State agencies would be contacted as necessary.
4a. Are there any affected agencies or tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4b. Has consultation been completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Vicinity and site map; see Attachment A.
2. Drawings (e.g., design, construction)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Site Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Photographs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo of discovery/uncovering of abandoned lift; see Attachment B.
5. Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Other (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negligible: removing abandoned hydraulic lift would entail digging into previously disturbed soil located under a paved parking area.
2. From geohazards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negligible: the abandoned lift may contain some volatile material, a small amount of which could be released during removal; if ground contamination has occurred, appropriate containment and remediation would be initiated.
4. Soundscapes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negligible: temporary noise from equipment during removal of the lift
5. Water quality or quantity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negligible: project is intended to eliminate a potential source of contamination; removal would not measurably increase contamination; remediation of contamination already present would proceed as necessary.
6. Stream flow characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Marine or estuarine resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. Floodplains or wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yosemite National Park is a World Heritage Site; no historic properties would be adversely affected by implementing this project.
13. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: see Condition 2, Section D, Mandatory Criteria.
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negligible: work would be done during the off-season and would only temporarily affect the visitor experience during removal of the lift.
18. Cultural resources including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see Section F, National Historic Preservation Act Checklist.
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
21. Energy resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23. Resource, including energy, conservation potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
25. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:**

1. None

## D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

If implemented, would the proposed action:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: see Condition 1, below
2. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see Section F, National Historic Preservation Act Checklist, below.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see Section F, National Historic Preservation Act Checklist, below.
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: if project done by contractor, heavy equipment may be brought into the park; see Condition 2, below.
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: if project done by contractor, heavy equipment may be brought into the park; see Condition 2, below.
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18. Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19. Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:

1. Provide a project safety program/ job hazards Analysis to the park Safety Office (379-1079) for review and approval before beginning any work on this project. (Safety Office)
2. Ensure that equipment and material brought into the park is free of material that could introduce or spread noxious weeds and non-native invasive plants or animals. Inform all staff working on the project of best management practices for preventing the introduction and spread of non-native, invasive species in Division 1 specifications, Section 1355. (Environmental Planning & Compliance 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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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. None				

### 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Removing the abandoned lift would require excavating the soil surrounding it
2. Are there any archeological sites?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MRP 0827/H: see Condition 1, below; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
3. Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yosemite Valley: see Condition 2, below; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
4. Is the project within the boundary of an archeological or historic landscape or district?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yosemite Valley Archeological and Historic Districts; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
5a. Is there a National Historic Landmark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5b. Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of Classified Structures</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5c. Is there a historic property with a DOE and concurrence by the SHPO or a completed National Register form?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5d. Is there a cultural property requiring review under NHPA, Section 106?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yosemite Valley Archeological and Historic Districts; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
6. Would there be alteration of a structure or cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yosemite Valley Archeological and Historic Districts; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
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. Provide a copy of the project specifications, when available, to the park Archeologist (Laura Kirn, 209-379-1314) for review; archeological monitoring may be required. (Resources Management and Science)				
2. Provide a copy of the project specifications, when available, to the park Native American Liaison (Jeannette Simons, 209-379-1372) for review; Native American monitoring may be required. (Environmental Planning and Compliance Office)				

### G. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST

Is the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Within designated Wilderness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If "yes" to either of the above, then a Wilderness Minimum Requirements Analysis must be completed and attached.				
<b>Mitigations and Conditions:</b>				
1. None				

## 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).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merced River, Main Stem.
2. Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Potentially affect water quality of the area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contamination from the abandoned hydraulic lift could potentially affect the Merced River; this project would remove that source of potential contamination and remediate the site, as necessary.
4. Remain consistent with its river segment classification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no comprehensive management plan for the Merced Wild and Scenic River; therefore, river segment classifications do not exist; this segment could only be classified as scenic or recreational because of existing conditions; the proposed action would be consistent with either classification.
5. Protect and enhance river ORVs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no comprehensive management plan for the Merced Wild and Scenic River; therefore, no ORVs have been established; the proposed action would protect and enhance any likely river ORVs that might be established.
6a. Fall within the River Protection Overlay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no comprehensive management plan for the Merced Wild and Scenic River; therefore, no River Protection Overlay has been established.
6b. If "Yes", is it consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Based on preliminary river planning, the site of the proposed project would not fall within any likely RPO.
7. Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no comprehensive management plan for the Merced Wild and Scenic River; therefore, it is not known if management zoning would be used, or what management zones might be established; based on preliminary river planning, the proposed project would be consistent with likely management zoning.
8a. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8b. If 9a is "Yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8c. If 9a is "Yes", will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Change the level of use within the river corridor? If "Yes", explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If "yes" to questions 2, 9b, or 9c, then a WSRA Section 7 determination must be completed and attached.				

### Mitigations 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:

This project is removing an underground utility (abandoned hydraulic lift) from a disturbed area under a paved parking lot and would have essentially the same potential impacts as DO12 C (16) - *Installation of underground utilities in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance or areas within an existing road prism or within an existing overhead utility right-of-way.*

### Project Mitigations and Conditions:

1. Provide a project safety program/ job hazards Analysis to the park Safety Office (379-1079) for review and approval before beginning any work on this project. (Safety Office)
2. Ensure that equipment and material brought into the park is free of material that could introduce or spread noxious weeds and non-native invasive plants or animals. Inform all staff working on the project of best management practices for preventing the introduction and spread of non-native, invasive species in Division 1 specifications, Section 1355. (Environmental Planning & Compliance Office)
3. Provide a copy of the project specifications, when available, to the park Archeologist (Laura Kirn, 209-379-1314) for review; archeological monitoring may be required. (Resources Management and Science)
4. Provide a copy of the project specifications, when available, to the park Native American Liaison (Jeannette Simons, 209-379-1372) for review; Native American monitoring may be required. (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.*

//GWColliver// 8/29/06  
Compliance Specialist Date

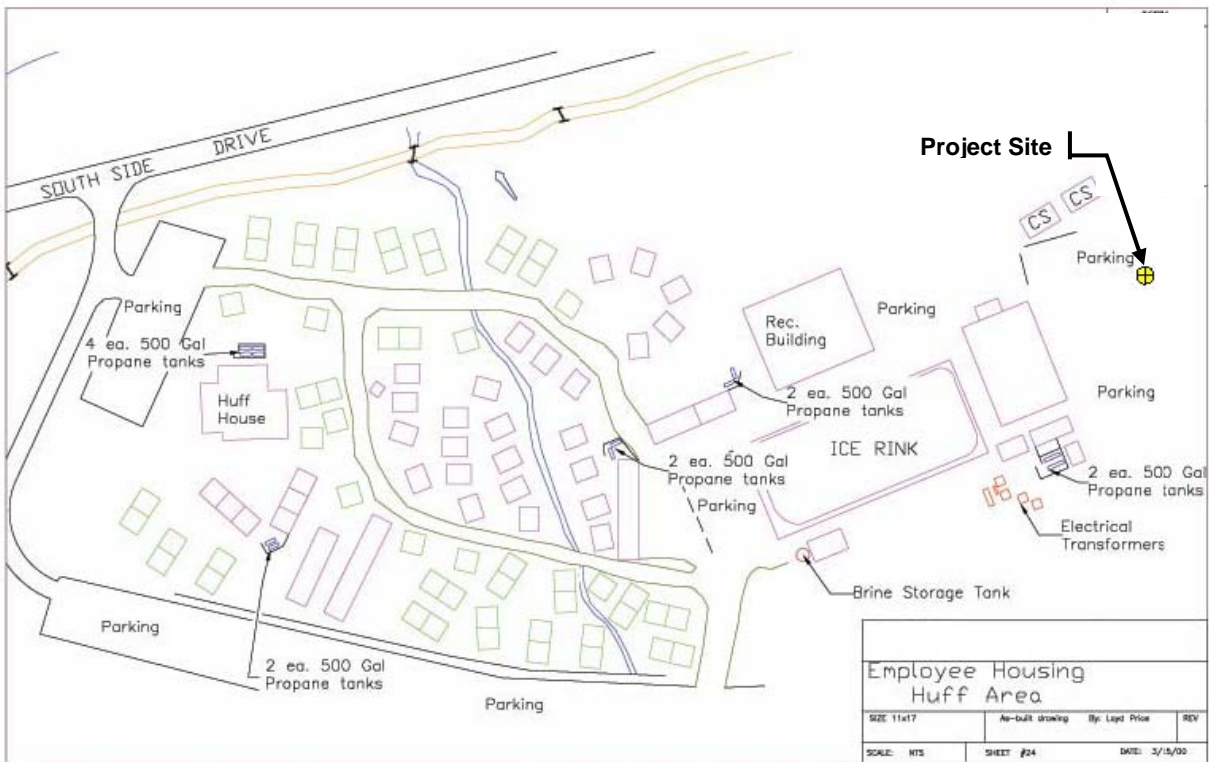
//Mark A Butler// 8/30/06  
Compliance Program Manager Date

//Bill Delaney// 9/6/06  
Chief, Project Management Date

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## Attachment A



**Map 1 Curry Village Huff House Employee Housing Area showing project site.**

## Attachment B



**Photo 1** Removal of covering asphalt, showing abandoned hydraulic lift.

## Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE XXX)

(Version: FEB06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-090

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### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

**Title:** Curry Village Hydraulic Lift Removal

**Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:**

Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County, California

Curry Village Raft Stand and Ice Rink Parking area

**Project Manager:** Bill Rust, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park

**Project Manager:** Earl Zack, DNC,

**Project Description:** This project will remove an abandoned hydraulic lift discovered at the Curry Village Raft Stand walkway.

Specifications for project execution will be prepared and submitted to the NPS for review.

Precautions will be taken to prevent hazardous materials from being released to soil and groundwater resources. Soil samples will be taken as needed to assess the need for any soil or groundwater clean-up in accordance with the State of California regulations.

Should soil and groundwater contamination be present, the project will include clean-up to Federal and State of California standards.

1. Attached Sensitive Information**	Yes	No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Resource GIS map.
b. Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Site Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
d. Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
e. Sample	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
f. List of Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
g. Other (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

\*\* 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 historic properties?</b> If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yosemite Valley Historic District Curry Village Historic Site Yosemite Valley Archeological District
a. Would the proposed action affect a known historic property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>2. List all Historic Properties in the Area of Potential Effect:</b>	<b>Affected?</b>			<b>Explanation/Notes</b>
	Yes	No		
a. CA MRP 0827/H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Site is across the road from APE.
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>3. List resources in the Area of Potential Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:</b>	<b>Affected?</b>			<b>Explanation/Notes</b>
	Yes	No		
a. Yosemite Valley TCP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Not identified or nominated
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>4. The proposed action will:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Explanation/Note</b>
• Destroy, remove, or alter features or elements from a historic structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Replace historic features/elements in kind	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Add nonhistoric features/elements to a historic structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Add nonhistoric features/elements (including visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Potentially affect presently unidentified historic resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Checklist prepared by: Jeannette Simons

Date: 8/4/06

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 *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: 8/9/06

Comments: Project will occur adjacent to an archeologically sensitive area. Need to review project specifications when available.

Ground Disturbance Involved Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Assessment of Effect: **No Adverse Effect**

Recommended Conditions: Provide project specifications, when available, to Park Archeologist. Upon review of these specifications, a recommendation will be made whether archeological monitoring is necessary.

Signature of Archeologist: //Laura Kirn// (signed original on file)

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#### Cultural Anthropologist

Name: **Sonny Montague**

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommended Conditions:

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

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#### Curator

Name: **Jonathan Bayless**

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommended Conditions:

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

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**Historian**

Name: **Charles Palmer**

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommended Conditions:

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

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**Historic Architect**

Name: **Sueann Brown**

Date: 8/9/06

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: **"No Effect"**

Recommended Conditions:

Signature of Historic Architect: //Sueann Brown// (signed original on file)

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**Historic Landscape Architect**

Name: **Steven Torgerson**

Date: 8/9/06

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: **"No Effect"**

Recommended Conditions:

Signature of Historic Landscape Architect: //Steven D Torgerson// (signed original on file)

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**Preservation Specialist**

Name: **Doug Martin**

Date:

Comments:

Assessment of Effect:

Recommended Conditions: Recommended Conditions

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

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**Native American Liaison**

Name: **Jeannette Simons**

Date: 8/28/06

Comments:

Assessment of Effect: "**No Adverse Effect**"

Recommended Conditions: Contact the Native American Liaison (Jeannette Simons, 209-379-1372) to arrange for consultation with Native Americans when project specifications are available.

Signature of Native American Liaison: //Jeannette Simons// (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.*

**Reviewed and Accepted by:**

**Signature:** //Niki Stephanie Nicholas// (signed original on file) **Date:** 8/22/06  
Chief of Resources Management & Science Division

**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 historic resource management advisors.

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

The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV. A of the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement, and is listed in Stipulation IV. B, as:

<Choose Type of Undertaking>

☐ **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:** <Enter Agreement Information>

☐ **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:

- a. Contact the park Archeologist (Laura Kirn, 209-379-1314) when project specifications are available, and at least two weeks before any ground disturbance would occur, for a determination if archeological monitoring will be necessary.
- b. Contact the Native American Liaison (Jeannette Simons, 209-379-1372) to arrange for consultation with Native Americans when project specifications are available.

#### Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:

Name: **Jeannette Simons**

Title: **Historic Preservation Officer**

Signature: //Jeannette Simons// Date: 8/28/06

#### 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: //R. Kevin Cann, Acting// Date: 9/11/06

*The signed original of this document is on file at  
the Environmental Planning and Compliance  
Office in Yosemite National Park.*