

Categorical Exclusion

(Version: AUG06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-102

PEPC Project Number: 16682

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Title: Badger Pass, Soil Contamination Assessment

Location: Badger Pass, Mariposa County, California

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

Project Manager: Vicki McMichael, 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 E (6) - *Non-destructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research, and monitoring activities.*

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.

//MJTollefson//
Michael J. Tollefson, Superintendent

10/13/06
Date

Original: Statutory Compliance File
cc: Project Proponent

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Attachments (1)



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
L7617 (YOSE-PM)

Memorandum

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

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-102 Badger Pass Soil Contamination Assessment

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

/MJTollefson//
Michael J. Tollefson, Superintendent

10/13/06
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Enclosure (with attachments)

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B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

In October 2005, during the excavation of two footings associated with the walkway between the Ski Lodge and the Ski Rental Shop, discolored soil and a sheen were visible on the soil and groundwater within the footings excavation. DNC notified the National Park Service, Mariposa County and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. A leak report was submitted on December 14, 2005, following confirmation of soil impacts. This project would entail three soil borings to collect soil samples to identify the extent of soil and/or groundwater contamination at the Badger Pass Ski Area.

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"/>	Familiar with site for recent projects
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To assess possible soil contamination discovered during completion of CE 2005-104 Badger Pass Rental Shop Demolition.
2b. Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	Mariposa County and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board
3b. Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Notification of potential contamination made on December 14, 2005; consultation would occur if contamination is confirmed and mitigation required.
4a. Are there any affected agencies or tribes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Same as 3a, above.
4b. Has consultation been completed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Same as 3b, above

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"/>			See attachment A.
2. Drawings (e.g., design, construction)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Site Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Other (Explain)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site-specific Workplan, Badger Pass Ski Lodge, prepared for DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite by ERM-West, Inc.; see Attachment B.

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: three "direct-push" soil and water sample borings.
2. From geohazards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Soundscapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Water quality or quantity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: see Conditions 1 and 2, below.
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"/>	The site has been inspected by the park botanist and no species of special concern occur on site.
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"/>	See Section D, Mandatory Criteria, Condition 1, below.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18. Cultural resources including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potential soil and ground water contamination is of concern to the County of Mariposa and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, both of whom have been contacted and with whom there would be further consultation if groundwater contamination is found.
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. Perform work only in the Fall, after the meadow has dried out.
2. Place plywood to protect the meadow during any access by equipment to the boring site.

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"/>	
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"/>	
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"/>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: see Conditon 1, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigated: see Condition 1, 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:

- 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.				
Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:				
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"/>	Three "direct-push" soil borings.
2. Are there any archeological sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	Badger Pass Historic Landscape; the park Historic Preservation Officer determined that this project would not constitute an NHPA section 106 action.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	
If "yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment of Effects form (YOSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.				
Mitigations and Conditions:				
1. None				

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.				
Mitigations and Conditions:				
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Potentially affect water quality of the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Remain consistent with its river segment classification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. Protect and enhance river ORVs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6a. Fall within the River Protection Overlay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6b. If "Yes", is it consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Change the level of use within the river corridor? If "Yes", explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:

DO12 E (6) - *Non-destructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research, and monitoring activities.*

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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.

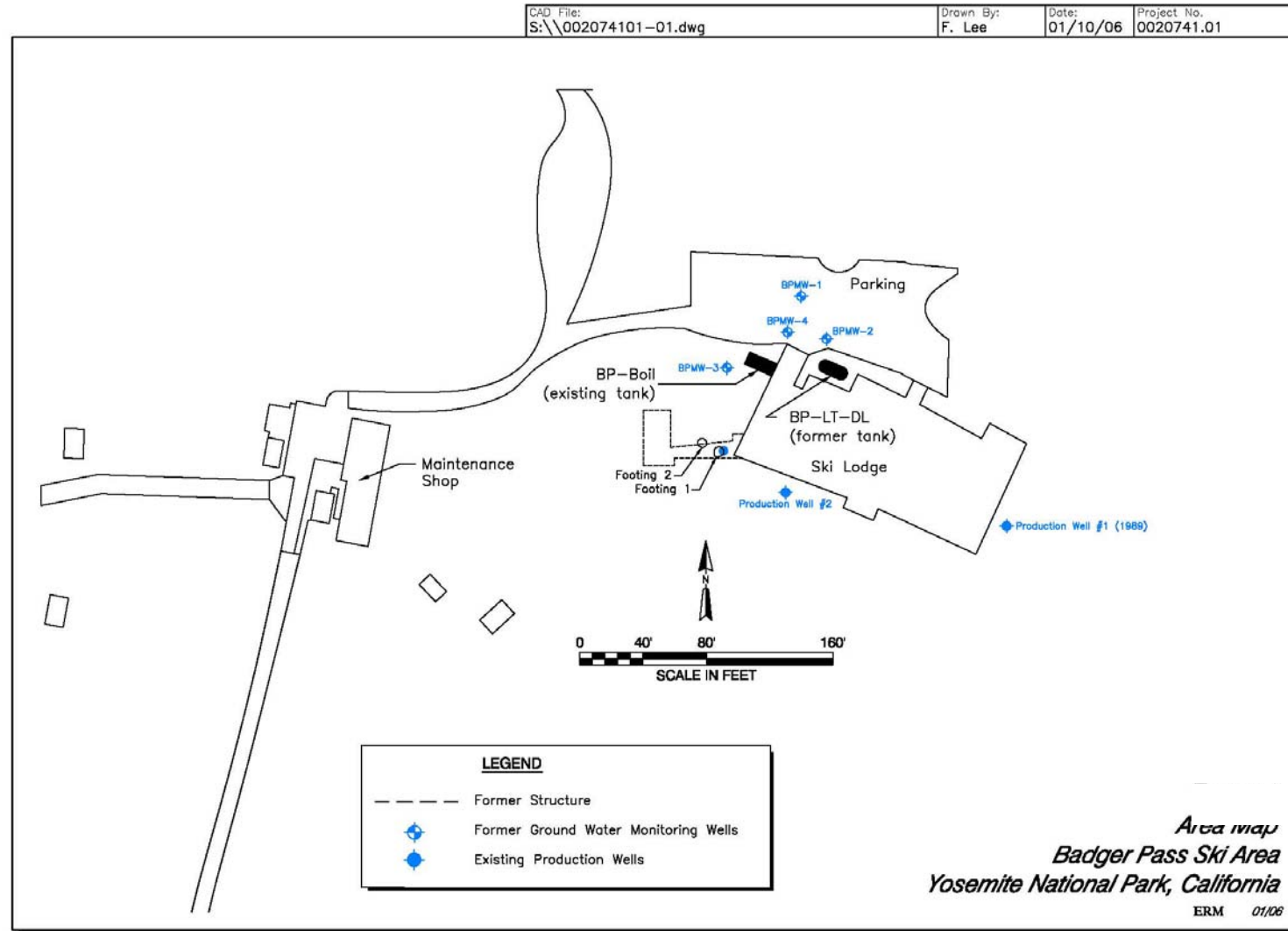
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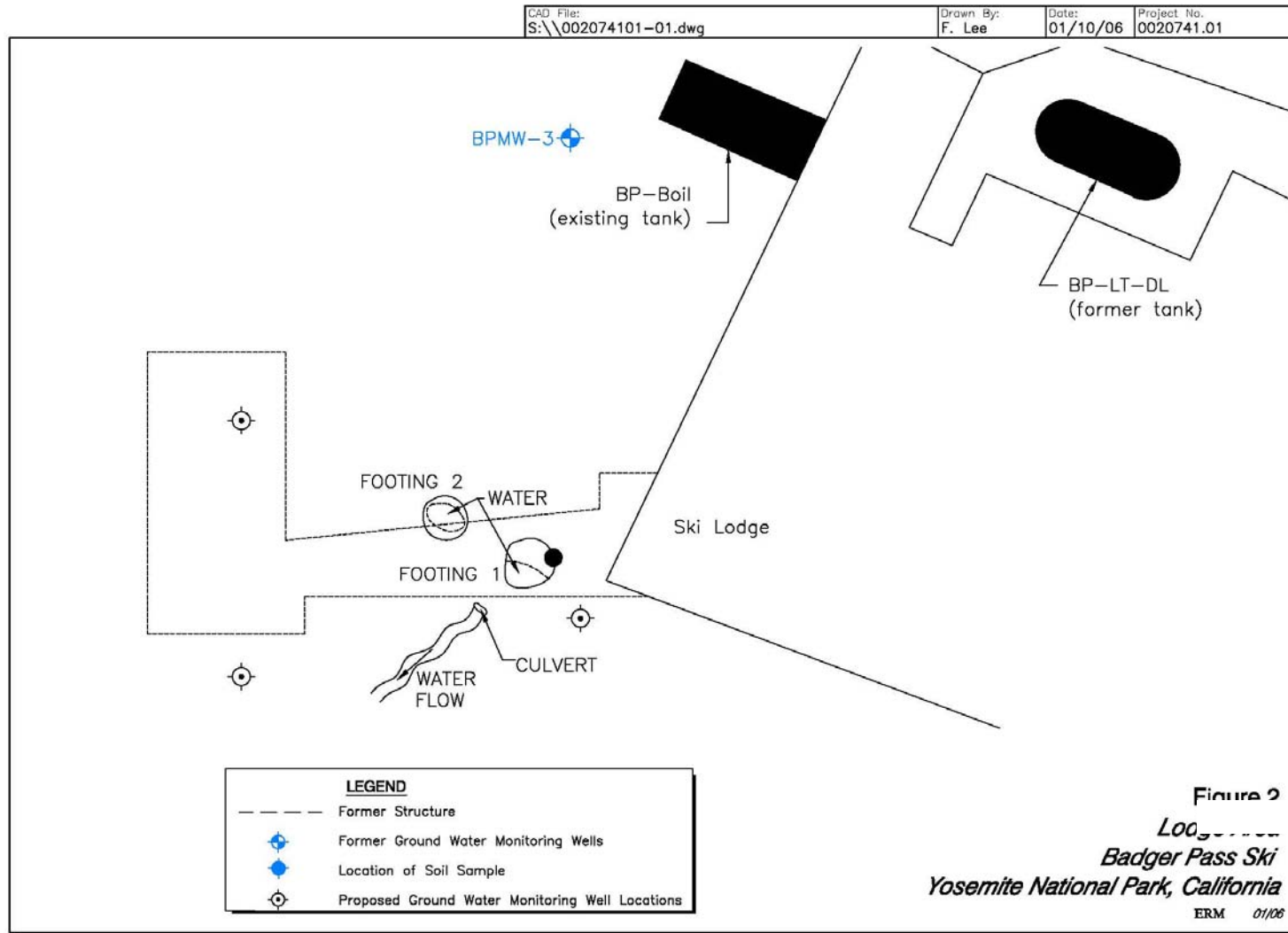
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Chief, Project Management **Date**

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Attachment A



Map 1 Project Vicinity



Map 2 Project Site

Attachment B

DRAFT Site-Specific Workplan

Badger Pass Ski Lodge
Yosemite National Park, California

10 July 2006

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Site-Specific Workplan
Badger Pass Ski Lodge
Yosemite National Park, California

10 July 2006

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

ERM-West, Inc. (ERM) has been retained by Yosemite Concession Services Corporation (YCS) to conduct site investigation activities at the Badger Pass Ski Lodge site in Yosemite National Park, California. The purpose of this document is to describe the proposed scope of work for approval by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in accordance with the Cleanup and Abatement Order (C&A) No. 93-709 issued to YCS on 20 October 1993.

1.1 DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

This workplan is divided into three sections:

- Section 1 provides a general site history and describes the previous site investigation.
- Section 2 includes the objectives of the workplan and the approach for the field investigation.
- Section 3 presents the proposed schedule for the investigation and reporting activities.

The figures and tables follow the text.

1.2 SITE HISTORY

The Badger Pass Ski Area is the site of numerous historical underground storage tanks (USTs) used to store fuel for heating and for electrical generators used to power the ski lifts. The ski area has been operating since the 1930s. The USTs associated with the ski lifts were taken out of service in 1972 when electricity was installed.

The UST sites were investigated from 1986 through 1996. A site closure request was prepared and submitted to the RWQCB on 28 August 1996 and subsequently approved for no further action. Monitoring wells were destroyed in accordance with the May 1997 workplan.

In October 2005, during the excavation of two footings associated with the walkway between the Ski Lodge and the Ski Rental Shop, discolored soil and a sheen were visible on the soil and groundwater within the footings

excavation. YCS notified the National Park Service, Mariposa County, and the RWQCB. A leak report was submitted on 14 December 2005 following confirmation of soil impacts.

1.2.1 *Groundwater Supply System*

Groundwater for the ski resort and residences in the area is provided by two groundwater supply wells located south and north of the Badger Pass Ski Lodge (Figure 1). The groundwater supply wells pump water to a holding tank in the basement of the Badger Pass Ski Lodge. Production Well #1 is screened from 17 to 98 feet below ground surface (bgs) and sealed to a depth of approximately 11 feet. Production Well #2 is an open bottom well that pulls water from the interval between 120 to 200 feet bgs and is sealed to a depth of 120 feet. Four-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe has been installed to the bottom of both wells, and the bottom 20 feet of each pipe is perforated.

1.2.2 *Geology and Hydrogeology*

The site geology consists of 2 to 5 feet of peat in the meadow area overlying approximately 96 to 112 feet of sand, gravel, and boulders. Bedrock ranges from 96 to 112 feet bgs, according to drilling logs for the production wells. Borings associated with the site investigations at the Badger Pass Ski Area have been drilled to a maximum depth of 30 feet bgs. Site soils encountered during the drilling of the borings, monitoring wells, and temporary wells consisted of peat, silty sands, sands, gravely sands, and areas of decomposed granite.

Depth to groundwater at the site ranges from completely saturated in the early spring, to approximately 6 feet bgs in the late fall and early winter. Groundwater elevation contours for the site indicate that the direction of groundwater flow generally corresponds to site topography.

1.3 *PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION*

ERM completed a site evaluation and collected samples on 9 November 2005. During site reconnaissance, ERM could not identify the source of the observed soil discoloration of sheen on the water.

ERM collected water samples from both footings and collected one soil sample from Footing 1 (Figure 2). Samples were capped, labeled, placed in coolers, logged on chain-of-custody forms, and submitted to a

California State-certified Laboratory for analysis for volatile and extractable total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Method 8015 Modified; and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX) by USEPA Method 8260.

Analytical results are summarized on Tables 1 and 2. Motor oil, at a concentration of 96 milligrams per kilogram, was the only constituent detected in the soil sample collected from Footing 1. BTEX constituents were not detected above laboratory reporting limits. BTEX was not detected in the water sample from Footing 2 and xylene, at a concentration of 1.2 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) was the only BTEX constituent detected in Footing 1. TPH as diesel was identified at a concentration of 45,000 $\mu\text{g/L}$ in Footing 1 groundwater. An unidentified hydrocarbon was detected at a concentration of 360 $\mu\text{g/L}$ in the groundwater sample collected from Footing 2.

Based upon the detection of TPH as diesel in Footing 1, ERM proposes the installation of three direct-push borings to assess if soil and groundwater are impacted at the site. The following section describes the proposed scope of work.

2.0 *FIELD INVESTIGATION*

This section presents the investigation objective and the proposed scope of work. The field investigation activities include soil and groundwater sampling.

2.1 *INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVE*

The objective of the proposed investigation activities described in this workplan is to complete the lateral characterization of hydrocarbon constituents in soil and groundwater.

2.2 *SCOPE OF WORK*

The following scope of work was developed to assess the extent of soil and groundwater impacted by hydrocarbons. All additional work to be performed at the Badger Pass Lodge site will be in accordance with the standard operating procedures described in the *General Workplan for Soil and Groundwater Site Assessments at Yosemite National Park* (General Workplan) prepared by ERM in July 1993.

Three direct-push borings will be installed to assess the extent of hydrocarbon-impacted soil and groundwater near the Footings. Proposed sample locations are provided in Figure 2. Since marsh-like conditions often prevail in this area during the spring and early summer, the proposed work will be performed when the meadow is accessible (estimated to be August).

The borings will be installed using a portable direct-push system, including groundwater sampling equipment. Soil samples will be collected continuously during the boring installation. One soil sample from each boring will be submitted for analysis. Soil samples will be selected based on field observation of hydrocarbons and photoionization detector readings or the soil. The boring will be advanced to the water table. Once groundwater is encountered, a sampling device will be advanced 1 to 2 feet to collect an in situ groundwater sample. Soil and ground water samples will be analyzed for volatile and extractable range TPH by USEPA Method 8015 Modified, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including BTEX, by USEPA Method 8260.

If the sampling results from the initial three direct-push borings have detectable VOCs or hydrocarbon concentrations, additional investigation will be completed to assess the extent of hydrocarbon-impacted groundwater. Following sample collection, the borings will be backfilled with bentonite and the surface soil replaced.

3.0 *PROJECT REPORTING AND SCHEDULE*

The following summarizes the project schedule in order to comply with C&A No. 93-709.

The planned schedule of activities includes:

- 1) Direct-push soil sampling and groundwater sampling (August 2006);
- 2) Additional assessment (if required) (October 2006);
- 3) Submittal of the Problem Assessment Report (November 2006);
- 4) Submittal of Final Remediation Plan (if required) (February 2007); and
- 5) Begin Remediation (if required) (July 2007).

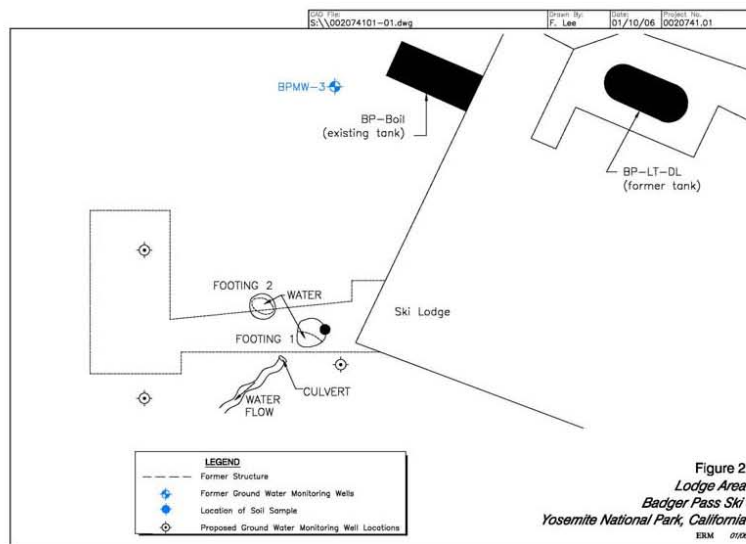
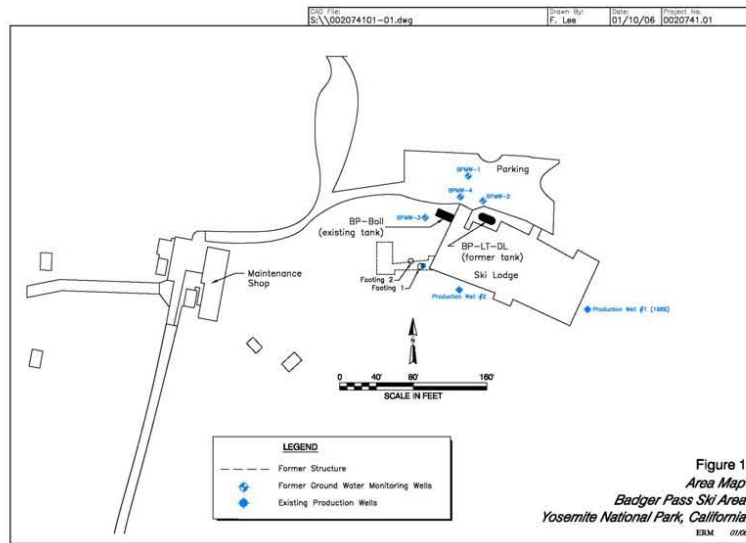


Table 1
Concentrations of Chemical Constituents in Soil Samples
Badger Pass
Yosemite National Park, California

Location	Date	TPH- Diesel	JP-5	Motor Oil	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl- benzene	Total Xylenes
Footing-1	11/9/2005	23 T3M	<1.0	96	<0.025	<0.025	<0.025	<0.025

Notes and Key:

All concentrations in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)

Bolded values exceed the method detection limit

T3M = The analyst has noted that the chromatogram of this sample is mainly higher boiling hydrocarbons such as asphaltene, waste oil, motor oil, weathered diesel, and hydraulic fluid.

TPH = Total petroleum hydrocarbons

USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency

Table 2
Concentrations of Chemical Constituents in Groundwater Samples
Badger Pass
Yosemite National Park, California

Location	Date	TPH- Diesel	JP-5	Motor Oil	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl- benzene	Total Xylenes
Footing-1	11/9/2005	45,000 T7	<2,500	<2,500	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1.4
Footing-2	11/9/2005	360 TIM	<50	<500	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

Notes and Key:

All concentrations in micrograms per liter (mg/L)

Bolded values exceed the method detection limit

T7 = The analyst has noted that the chromatogram of this sample closely resembles the boiling point hydrocarbon profile consistent with diesel fuel.

TIM = The analyst has noted that the chromatogram of this sample is mainly a wide range of hydrocarbons which are not necessarily indicative of diesel fuel.

TPH = Total petroleum hydrocarbons

USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency