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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
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**Memorandum**

**To:** Treacy Stone, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park  
**From:** Superintendent, Yosemite National Park  
**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-011 Yosemite Hospitality 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: White Wolf Temporary Tent Cabin Installation (67128)

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 complete compliance information see PEPC Project 67128.

//Ron Borne// for  
Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2017-011 Yosemite Hospitality 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: White Wolf Temporary Tent Cabin Installation

**PEPC Project Number:** 67128

**Description of Action (Project Description):**

This project will add four guest tent cabins for overnight rental to the White Wolf Lodge site for the summer season. The tents and platforms will be transported by trailer to the site from the former employee area of Boystown in Yosemite Valley. They will be modified to remove the propane furnaces and wood burning stoves will be added once the tents are in place at White Wolf.

The location of the four tents will be on flat land near the existing shower house, per the attached map. Each will be placed on nine concrete piers and will be set to conform to integrated pest management standards to eliminate pest harborage.

The four tents will be removed once the rehabilitation of the duplex cabins at White Wolf is finished and are available for reservation.

Adding four tents will allow the concessioner to offset the temporary loss of the four cabin rentals with four tent rentals during the rehabilitation of the hard-sided cabins at White Wolf (separate project). During this season, four cabin units will be closed for ABA rehabilitation as well as ABA compliant pathways to the cabins and the Lodge.

**Project Locations:**

Mariposa County, CA

**Mitigation(s):**

- Check for federally-listed amphibians before placing cabin footings

**CE Citation:** C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

**CE Justification:**

**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.

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//Ron Borne// for

Date: 5/11/17

**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
<b>A.</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
<b>B.</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	
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
<b>F.</b> Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
<b>G.</b> 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	
<b>H.</b> 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	
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
<b>K.</b> 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	
<b>L.</b> 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:** 2017-011 Yosemite Hospitality 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: White Wolf Temporary Tent Cabin Installation  
**PEPC Project Number:** 67128  
**Project Type:** Resource Management (RM)  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Mariposa, California  
**Project Leader:** Treacy Stone, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

### B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<b>Air</b> Air Quality	None	
<b>Biological</b> Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	Potential	The project manager will check for federally-listed amphibians before placing cabin footings.
<b>Biological</b> Vegetation	None	
<b>Biological</b> Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Archeological Resources	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Cultural Landscapes	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Museum	None	

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
Collections		
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
<b>Lightscares</b> Lightscares	None	
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	None	
<b>Other</b> Operational	Potential	Adding four tent cabins will make up for the loss in visitor beds due to the ongoing construction and rehabilitation of the duplex cabins on site.
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Socioeconomic	None	
<b>Soundscapes</b> Soundscapes	None	
<b>Viewsheds</b> Viewsheds	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Visitor Use and Experience	None	
<b>Water</b> Floodplains	None	
<b>Water</b> Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	
<b>Water</b> Wetlands	None	
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic	None	

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Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
River		
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

**Recommended:**

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>//Kristin Anderson//</u> Compliance Specialist – Kristin Anderson	<u>5/10/17</u>
<u>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>5/10/17</u>
<u>//Ron Gaunt//</u> Chief, Project Management – Ron Gaunt	<u>5/11/17</u>

**Approved:**

Superintendent	Date
<u>//Ron Borne// for</u> Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)	<u>5/11/17</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:** YH 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: White Wolf Temporary Addition of 4 Tent Cabins

**Prepared by:** Kristin Anderson    **Date Prepared:** 05/09/2017    **Telephone:** 209-379-1002

**PEPC Project Number:** 67128

**Locations:** Mariposa County, CA

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

White Wolf Lodge Historic District

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

No

Yes

Source or reference:

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

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

Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

Replace historic features/elements in kind

Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

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 setting or cultural landscape

Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources

Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)

Other (please specify): - Tent cabins are temporary and will be removed upon completion of the hard sided cabin rehabilitation.

**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:

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106 Advisor  
Name: Kimball Koch  
Date: 05/09/2017

Comments: Structures are temporary and will be removed, historical architect review not required.

*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 or Other Programmatic Agreement

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Anthropologist  
Name: Eirik Thorsgard  
Date: 05/09/2017

*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:  
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Archeologist  
Name: Sara Dolan  
Date: 05/09/2017

*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:  
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Historian  
Name: Scott Carpenter  
Date: 05/09/2017

*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:  
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[ X ] Historical Landscape Architect  
Name: Kimball Koch  
Date: 05/09/2017

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ X ]  
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:  
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No Reviews From: Curator, Historical Architect, Other Advisor

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### C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Assessment of Effect:

\_\_\_ No Potential to Cause Effects  
\_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected  
 X  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:

[ X ] 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.

[ ] 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.

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**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: 5/10/17

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**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:** //Ron Borne//for **Date:** 5/11/17  
Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

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