Categorical Exclusion

(Version: AUG06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-109 PEPC Project Number: 16825

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Title: Curry Village, Retrofit Executive/Guest Women's Restroom for ADA
Location: Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County, California
Project Manager: Maurice West, Project 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* (4) - *Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.*

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

Original: Statutory Compliance File cc: Project Proponent <u>10/20/06</u>

Date

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Attachments (2)



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: Maurice West, Project Manager, Project Management, Yosemite National Park Earl Zack, Project Manager, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite
- From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
- Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-109 Curry Village, Retrofit Executive/Guest Women's Restroom for ADA (Y4-0611; CIF 3000; PEPC 16825)

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*(*4*) - *Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.*

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 <u>10/20/06</u> Date

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Environmental Screening Form

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B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

A portion of the existing restroom facility (building #B55 in National Register Nomination; old building number CVV005; Yosemite LSC #231580) would be sectioned off and a family-care restroom unit would be made to comply with ADA standards. It would service both men and women and have a separate entrance. Neither the existing footprint nor the exterior of the structure would be affected.

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.	\boxtimes			Project management staff; others are 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				
2b.	Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.		\square		
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?			\boxtimes	
2d.	Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?			\boxtimes	
3a.	Are there any interested or affected parties?		\boxtimes		
3b.	Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?				
4a.	Are there any affected agencies or tribes?		\boxtimes		
4b.	Has consultation been completed?				

Table B2 – Environmental Screening Form Attachments (provide Attachment letter—A, B, etc.)

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C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

	e any impacts possible on the following ources?	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Geologic resources: soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc		\boxtimes		
2.	From geohazards		\boxtimes		
3.	Air quality		\bowtie		
4.	Soundscapes	\boxtimes			Negligible: some noise during construction.
5.	Water quality or quantity		\boxtimes		
6.	Stream flow characteristics		\boxtimes		
7.	Marine or estuarine resources			\boxtimes	
8.	Floodplains or wetlands		\boxtimes		
9.	Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	\boxtimes			This project would help bring Curry Village into compliance with ADA standards.
	Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine		\boxtimes		
11.	Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat		\boxtimes		
12.	Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites	\boxtimes			Yosmite 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		\boxtimes		
14.	Unique or important fish or fish habitat		\boxtimes		
15.	Introduce or promote non-native species (plant		\boxtimes		
	or animal)				
16.	Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.				Restroom would be unavailable during ADA retrofit; however, afterward, the facility would enhance recreation resources by making the restroom accessible to park visitors with mobility impairment.
17.	Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	\boxtimes			See Item 16, above.
	Cultural resources including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources				Yosemite Valley and Curry Village Historic Districts and Yosemite Valley Archeological District; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see Section F, National Historic Preservation Act Checklist, below.
19.	Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure		\boxtimes		
20.	Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.				This project would make the restroom accessible to park visitors with mobility impairment.
21.	Energy resources		\boxtimes		
	Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies		\boxtimes		
23.	Resource, including energy, conservation potential		\boxtimes		
	Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.		\boxtimes		
25.	Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity		\boxtimes		
26	Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?		\square		
Сот 1.	nments, Mitigations and Conditions: None				

D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

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

this project.

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)?		\square				
2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		\boxtimes				
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?		\boxtimes				
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		\square				
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?		\boxtimes		
2. Are there any archeological sites?			\boxtimes	
3. Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?		\square		
4. Is the project within the boundary of an archeological or historic landscape or district?	\boxtimes			Yosemite Valley and Curry Village Historic Districts; Yosemite Valley Archeological District.
5a. Is there a National Historic Landmark?		\boxtimes		
5b. Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of Classified Structures</i> ?	\boxtimes			The restroom to be retrofitted to meet ADA standards.
5c. Is there a historic property with a DOE and concurrence by the SHPO or a completed National Register form?		\boxtimes		
5d. Is there a cultural property requiring review under NHPA, Section 106?		\boxtimes		
6. Would there be alteration of a structure or cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?	\boxtimes			The assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
If "yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment	of Effe	ects fo	rm (Y	OSE-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?		\boxtimes				
2. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		\boxtimes				
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)	\bowtie			Merced River, Main Stem					
2. Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?		\boxtimes							
3. Potentially affect water quality of the area?		\boxtimes							
4. Diminish or other wise change the values for which the river was designated as a Wild and Scenic River? If "yes", explain.		\boxtimes							
5a. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		\bowtie							
5b. If 5a is "yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?			\boxtimes						
5c. If 5a is "yes", will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?			\boxtimes						
If "yes" to questions 2, 5b, or 5c, then a WSRA S	ection	7 dete	ermina	tion must be completed and attached.					
Mitigations and Conditions:									
1. None	6								

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:

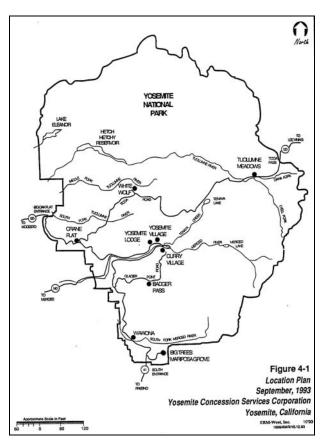
The proposed action would have effects similar to DO12 C(4) - Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

Project Mitigations and Conditions:

1. Submit a safety plan to the park Safety Officer (Roger Farmer, 209-379-1079) for approval prior to beginning any work on this project.

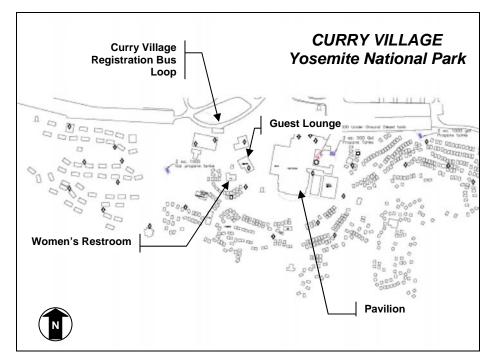
This project has been reviewed in accordance with the	//GWColliver//	9/25/06
above criteria and it has been determined that the project will result in no or minimal environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review required under the	Compliance Specialist	Date
National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, the	//Mark A Butler//	9/25/06
necessary compliance coordination has been completed with regard to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and	Compliance Program Manager	Date
the Endangered Species Act.	//Bill Delaney//	10/18/06
	Chief, Project Management	Date

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Attachment A

Map 1 Yosemite National Park showing project area



Map 2 Curry Village showing project site

Attachment B

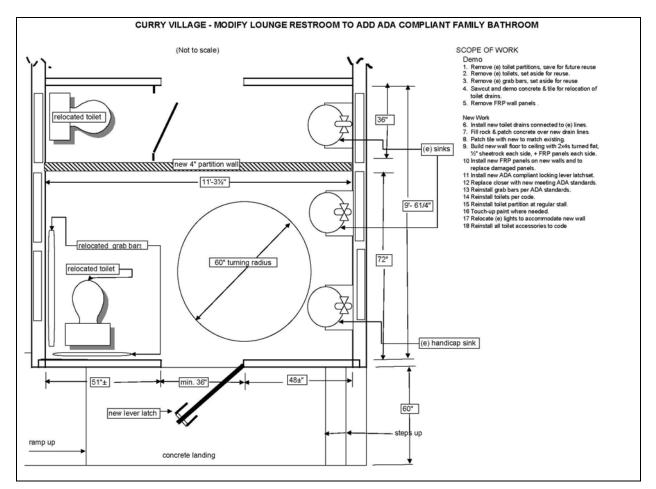


Figure 1 Schematic drawing of proposed ADA restroom layout

Attachment C



Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE XXX)

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Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-109 PEPC Project Number: 16825

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

Title: Curry Village, Retrofit Executive/Guest Women's Restroom for ADA Facility, CIF 3000 Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:

Curry Village, Yosemite, Mariposa County, California

Project Manager: Maurice West, Project Management, Yosemite National Park

Project Manager: Chris Wick, DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

Project Description: A portion of the existing restroom facility will be sectioned off and a family care restroom unit will be made to comply with ADA standards. It will service both men and women and have a separate entrance. The existing footprint will not be affected, nor the exterior of the structure. LCS #231580 Structure #CVV005; Curry Village Comfort Station #5.

1. Attached Sensitive Information**	Yes	No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps		\boxtimes	
b. Drawings		\boxtimes	
c. Site Plans		\boxtimes	
d. Photographs		\boxtimes	
e. Sample		\boxtimes	
f. List of Materials		\boxtimes	
g. Other (Explain)		\boxtimes	

** 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
1.	Has the Area of Potential Effect been surveyed to identify historic properties?	\boxtimes			Yosemite Valley Archeological District; Yosemite Valley Historic District;
	If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).				Curry Village Historic District.
	a. Would the proposed action affect a known historic property?	\boxtimes			Historic Cultural Landscape
2.	List all Historic Properties in the Area of Potential Effect:	Affec Yes	ted? No		Explanation/Notes
_	a. Building #B55; National Register	\square		Cont	ributing to Yosemite Valley Historic District
	b.				
	с.				
3.	List resources in the Area of Potential	Affec	ted?		European (Nates
	Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:	Yes	No		Explanation/Notes
	a.				
	b.				
	с.				
4.	The proposed action will:	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Note
	• Destroy, remove, or alter features or	\boxtimes			Alter
	elements from a historic structureReplace historic features/elements in kind		\square		
	Add nonhistoric features/elements to a		_		
	historic structure	\boxtimes			
	• Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)	\boxtimes			
	• Add nonhistoric features/elements (including visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape	\boxtimes			
	• Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain				
	• Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain		\boxtimes		
	• Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources				
	• Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)		\boxtimes		
	• Potentially affect presently unidentified		\square		
	historic resourcesOther				
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5. Describe any measures that are incorporated as part of this project that will be taken to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of prehistoric or historic fabric, setting, integrity, or data:

Checklist prepared by: Jeannette Simons Title: Historic Preservation Officer Date: <u>9/18/06</u>

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 *Servicewide 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.

Archeologist Comments:	Name: Laura Kirn	Date: 9/13/06
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: "No Effect" Recommended Conditions:	Yes: 🗌 No: 🔀	
Signature of Archeologist: //Laura	<i>Kirn//</i> (signed original on file)	
Cultural Anthropologist Comments:	Name: Sonny Montague	Date:
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommended Conditions:		
Signature of Cultural Anthropologis	t:	
Curator	Name: Jonathan Bayless	Date:
Comments:		
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommended Conditions:		

Signature of Curator: _____

Historian	Name: Charles Palmer	Date:
Comments:		
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommended Conditions:		
Signature of Historian:		
Historic Architect	Name: Sueann Brown	Date: 9/13/06
Historic Architect Comments:	Name: Sueann Brown	Date: 9/13/06
Comments:		Date: 9/13/06
Comments: Assessment of Effect: "No Adverse		Date: 9/13/06
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Historic Landscape Architect	Name: Steven Torgerson	Date: 9/20/06
Assessment of Effect: "No Adverse I	Effect''	
Recommended Conditions:		

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

Preservation Specialist Comments:	Name: Rod Kennec	Date:		
Assessment of Effect:				
Recommended Conditions: Recommended Conditions				
Signature of Preservation Specialist:				
Native American Liaison	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date:		
Native American Liaison Comments:	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date:		
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Comments:	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date:		
Comments: Assessment of Effect:	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date:		

Signature of Native American Liaison:

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:9/18/06Chief 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:

□ 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. None

Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:

Name: for Jeannette Si	imons
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Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Signature: //Mark A Butler// Date: 9/25/06

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: //MJTollefson//

Michael J. Tollefson

Date: <u>10/20/06</u>

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