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**United States Department of the Interior**  
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
Yosemite National Park  
P. O. Box 577  
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**Memorandum**

**To:** Treacy Stone, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park  
**From:** Superintendent, Yosemite National Park  
**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-010 YH 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: Warehouse Modification for Cash Operations (71330)

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 71330.

//Ronald Borne// acting for  
Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Yosemite National Park  
Date: 05/10/2017

## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2017-010 YH 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: Warehouse Modification for Cash Operations

**PEPC Project Number:** 71330

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

When Yosemite Hospitality assumed the Concession contract at Yosemite in March of 2016, the existing cash operation was moved from its location in the bank building to a temporary location in the general office building. The general office building is scheduled to be closed later in 2017, which necessitates finding a permanent location where money can be shipped to and from, stored, and managed in a secure environment. A secure location to do so is critical to the daily operation of all guest related activities in the Park.

This project will relocate the Yosemite Hospitality cash operations from its existing location in the general office building to two non-functioning meat lockers used for storage in the shipping and receiving Warehouse. The remodel will modify the two meat lockers to a secured space for cash operations and a separate storage space for vending. The exterior of the building will remain the same except for the installation of a small lift to enable shipments of bulk coins to be delivered from armored cars to the storage site. Both rooms would be dry walled, with lighting and electrical outlets installed. The cash storage area would have a security alarm system, fire detection, and a small HVAC system installed. This location would become the permanent site for all receipts and change order processing in the park for Yosemite Hospitality operations.

The existing space was used to ship and receive large meat orders, which has not occurred since the 1980's. The space is currently used to store used computer equipment and vending storage.

Yosemite Hospitality intends to contract with a qualified contractor, acceptable to the NPS, to alter the interior space of the two lockers. The project will remove the refrigeration equipment, install drywall on the walls, and install a mini split HVAC system via an exterior compressor placed adjacent to the IT compressors and interior fan coil assemblies. New electrical circuits will be installed from the main panels in the generator room, complete with area lighting for these spaces. Battery operated smoke and CO2 detectors will be added to the spaces. A security alarm and locks will be added to the cash operation area to make it a secure money storage location.

Photo-documentation will be performed before, during and after construction by the contractor and project manager.

**Project Locations:**

Mariposa County, CA

**CE Citation:** C.19 Construction or rehabilitation in previously disturbed or developed areas, required to meet health or safety regulations, or to meet requirements for making facilities accessible to the handicapped.

**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.

**Superintendent:** //Ronald Borne// acting for

Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

**Date:** 5/11/17

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**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:** 2017-010 Yosemite Hospitality 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: Warehouse Modification for Cash Operations  
**PEPC Project Number:** 71330  
**Project Type:** Concessions (CON)  
**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 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Air<br>Air Quality   | None                 |                            |
| Biological<br>Nonnative or Exotic Species  | None                 |                            |
| Biological<br>Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat                                | None                 |                            |
| Biological<br>Vegetation   | None                 |                            |
| Biological<br>Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species | None                 |                            |
| Cultural<br>Archeological Resources  | None                 |                            |
| Cultural<br>Cultural Landscapes  | None                 |                            |
| Cultural<br>Ethnographic Resources   | None                 |                            |

| <b>Resource</b>   | <b>Potential for Impact</b> | <b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>   |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Cultural</b><br>Museum Collections   | None                        |   |
| <b>Cultural</b><br>Prehistoric/historic structures  | None                        |   |
| <b>Geological</b><br>Geologic Features  | None                        |   |
| <b>Geological</b><br>Geologic Processes   | None                        |   |
| <b>Lightscapes</b><br>Lightscapes   | None                        |   |
| <b>Other</b><br>Human Health and Safety   | None                        |   |
| <b>Other</b><br>Operational   | Potential                   | This remodel will allow the human resources activities for the concessioner to be relocated to the warehouse, allowing them to maintain operations in Yosemite Valley while the general offices building is demolished. |
| <b>Socioeconomic</b><br>Land Use  | None                        |   |
| <b>Socioeconomic</b><br>Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc. | None                        |   |
| <b>Socioeconomic</b><br>Socioeconomic   | None                        |   |
| <b>Soundscapes</b><br>Soundscapes   | None                        |   |
| <b>Viewsheds</b><br>Viewsheds   | None                        |   |
| <b>Visitor Use and Experience</b><br>Recreation Resources                                   | None                        |   |
| <b>Visitor Use and Experience</b><br>Visitor Use and Experience                             | None                        |   |
| <b>Water</b><br>Floodplains   | None                        |   |
| <b>Water</b><br>Marine or Estuarine Resources   | None                        |   |

| Resource                                  | Potential for Impact | Potential Issues & Impacts |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Water</b><br>Water Quality or Quantity | None                 |                            |
| <b>Water</b><br>Wetlands                  | None                 |                            |
| <b>Water</b><br>Wild and Scenic River     | None                 |                            |
| <b>Wilderness</b><br>Wilderness           | None                 |                            |

**Recommended:**

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

**Approved:**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Superintendent  | Date           |
| <u>//Ronald Borne// acting for</u><br>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:** 2017-010 Yosemite Hospitality 2017 MAINTENANCE RESERVE: Warehouse Modification for Cash Operations

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

**PEPC Project Number:** 71330

**Locations:** Mariposa, CA

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

Yosemite Valley Historic District, Yosemite Valley Archeological 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)**

☐ No Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

☐ No Replace historic features/elements in kind

☐ No Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

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

☐ No Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape

☐ No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

☐ No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

☐ No Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

☐ No Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources

☐ No Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)



\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Supporting Study Data:**

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

**B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

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☒ 106 Advisor

Name: Kimball Koch

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:

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:

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

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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:

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

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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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ID: 71330

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

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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:

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

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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.

**1999 Parkwide PA as amended in 2014 and 2016**

☐ [ ] E. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

☐ [ ] G. Memo to SHPO/THPO

☐ [ ] H. Memo to ACHP

SHPO/THPO Notes:

### 3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:

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Additional Consulting Parties: No

**4. Stipulations and Conditions:**

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

**5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:**

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties:  
(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

**D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:**

*Historic Preservation Officer:*

Kimball Koch //Kimball Koch// **Date:** 5/10/17

**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:** //Ronald Borne// acting for **Date:** 5/11/17  
Palmer L. Jenkins

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