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Memorandum

To: Joseph Llewellyn, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-007 El Portal Adams Residential Remodel (65631)

The Executive Leadership Team has reviewed the proposed project/action 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 the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- No mitigations identified.

Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:

Due to the proximity of the house to sensitive cultural resources, staging of equipment and vehicle parking will occur in the driveway and/or previously disturbed parking area/pullout located at the south end of the house

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 65631.

//Palmer L. Jenkins//
Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

Letter of Compliance Completion - El Portal Ada

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2017-007 El Portal Adams Residential Remodel

PEPC Project Number: 65631

Project Description:

The Ansel Adams Gallery recently acquired a residence in El Portal at 9770 Eagle Peak Road. The building is generally in excellent condition; however the exterior siding was fabricated with asbestos fibers. While the asbestos is considered stable, it is our intention to house our staff in as safe an environment as reasonably possible and eliminate the long term potential for employment related asbestos exposure.

This project will:

- Remove the existing siding panels and replace with a fire resistant fiber concrete siding.
- Replace all the existing windows (aluminum frame single pane) with energy efficient windows.
- Inspect and replace insulation as necessary.
- Install new ductless HVAC units in the bedrooms and primary living spaces.

The remodel is limited to the exterior envelope. Doors, roofs, or other portions of the building will not be altered or modified. There will be no changes to the electrical or plumbing unless inspection finds unsafe conditions.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:

- No mitigations identified.

CE Citation: C.3 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails.

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: //Palmer L. Jenkins//

Palmer L. Jenkins

Date: 4/16/17

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Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
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	
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. 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	
H. 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	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. 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	
L. 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: 2017-007 El Portal Adams Residential Remodel
PEPC Project Number: 65631
Project Type: Repair/Rehabilitation (REHAB)
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, California
Project Leader: Joseph Llewellyn

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Temporary air emissions during the house remodel.
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
Biological Vegetation	None	
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Archeological Resources	Potential	The project area is adjacent to a sensitive cultural resource. Due to the proximity of the house to sensitive cultural resources, staging of equipment and vehicle parking will occur in the driveway and/or previously disturbed parking area/pullout located at the south end of the house
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	The proposed project is near but will avoid recorded ethnographic resources. Tribal notification was sent via the April Tribal Spreadsheet.
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
Geological Geologic Features	None	
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscapes Lightscapes	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
Other Operational	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscapes Soundscapes	Potential	There will be temporary construction noises during the remodel.
Viewsheds Viewsheds	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and	None	

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Experience		
Water Floodplains	None	
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	
Water Wetlands	None	
Water Wild and Scenic River	None	
Wilderness Wilderness	None	

Recommended:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>//Renea Kennec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u>3/29/17</u>
<u>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>3/31/17</u>
<u>//R. Brad Lewis//</u> Acting Chief, Project Management – Ron Gaunt	<u>4/7/17</u>

Approved:

Acting Superintendent	Date
<u>//Palmer L. Jenkins//</u> Palmer L. Jenkins	<u>4/17/17</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: 2017-007 El Portal Adams Residential Remodel

Prepared by: Renea Kennec **Date Prepared:** 03/14/2017 **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 65631

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

El Portal Archeological District

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

☐ No

☒ Yes

Source or reference:

4. **Potentially Affected Resources:**

Archeological resources affected:

Name and numbers: El Portal Archeological District

NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

Archeological Resources Notes: The house is adjacent to a sensitive cultural resource.

Ethnographic Resources Affected:

Name and numbers: El Portal Resources of Cultural Significance (un-evaluated)

Ethnographic Resources Affected Notes: The project does not have the potential to affect ethnographic resources.

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

No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible
Yes 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:

☒ 106 Advisor

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 03/29/2017

Comments: Per the assessments made by the archeologist and the American Indian liaison, there are no adverse effects to archeological or anthropological resources. No historic structures, landscapes or objects are affected.

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:

☒ Anthropologist

Name: Eirik Thorsgard

Date: 03/20/2017

Comments: The proposed project is near but will avoid recorded ethnographic resources. Tribal notification was sent via the April Tribal Spreadsheet.

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:

☒ Archeologist

Name: Sara Dolan

Date: 03/20/2017

Comments: The project area is adjacent to a sensitive cultural resource.

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: Due to the proximity of the house to sensitive cultural resources, staging of equipment and vehicle parking will occur in the driveway and/or previously disturbed parking area/pullout located at the south end of the house

[X] Historian
Name: Scott Carpenter
Date: 03/29/2017

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:

[X] Historical Architect

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 03/29/2017

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:

[X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 03/27/2017

Comments: No National Register historic structures, landscapes or objects would be affected by this action.

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

No Reviews From: Curator, Other Advisor

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

☐ **No Potential to Cause Effects**
☐ **No Historic Properties Affected**
☒ **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)

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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:

☒ 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 Programmatic Agreement 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:

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:

Park Historic Preservation Officer:

Kimball Koch //Kimball Koch// **Date:** 3/29/17

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.

Acting
Superintendent: //Palmer L. Jenkins// **Date:** 4/17/17
Palmer L. Jenkins

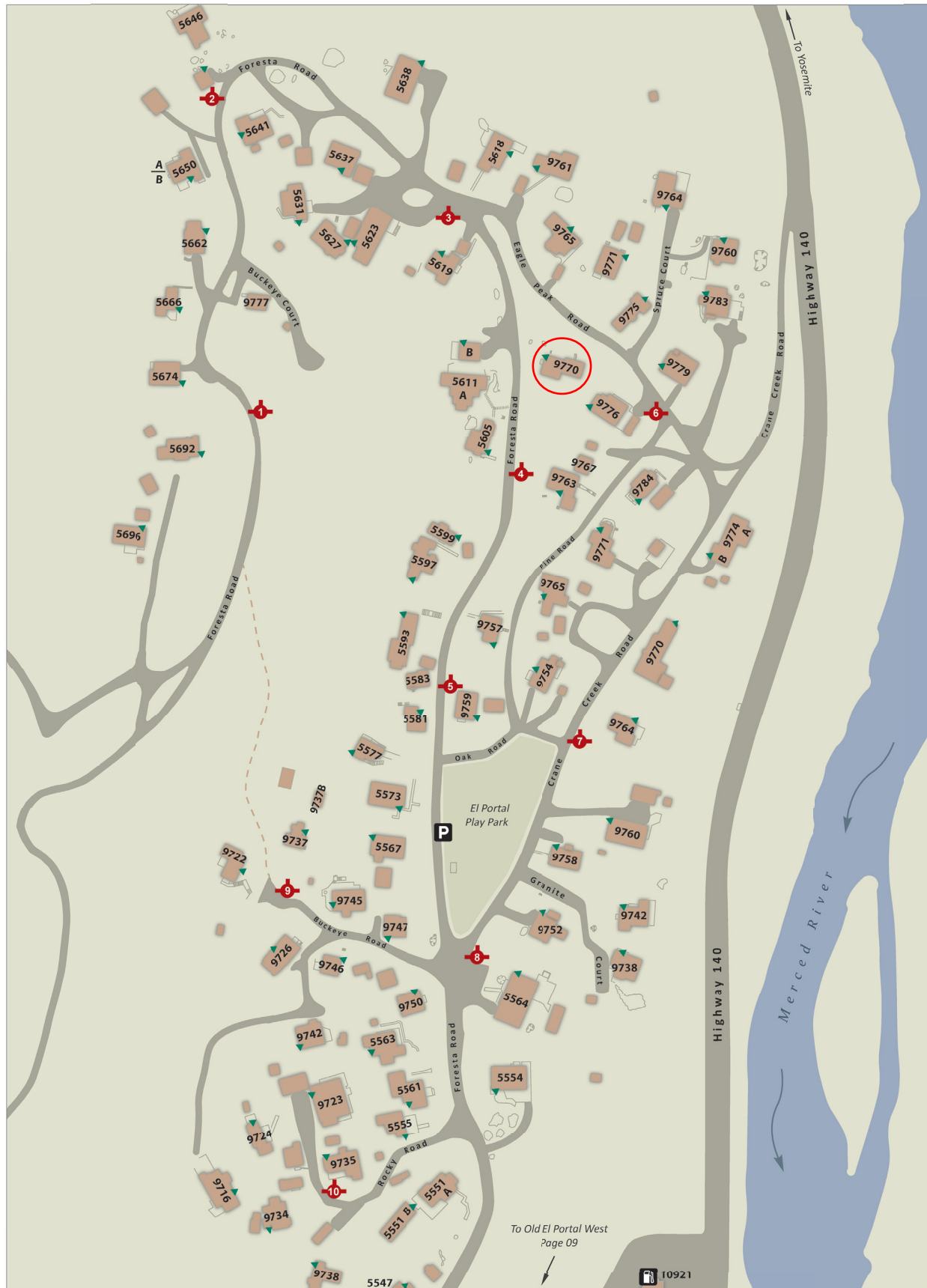
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	Park Boundary		Fire Hydrant		Shuttle Stop		Restrooms		Post Office
	Address		Gas Meter/Shut Off		Campground		Picnic area		Bicycle trail
	Placename		Electric Meter/Shut Off		Parking		Food service		Store
	Building Name/Number		Fire Department Connection		Telephone		Gas station		Yarts Bus Stop
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