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**Memorandum**

**To:** Andrew Regopoulos, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park  
**From:** Superintendent, Yosemite National Park  
**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2018-012 Arch Rock IT Shed Installation (79367)

The Superintendent and park interdisciplinary team have reviewed the proposed project and completed an impact analysis and documentation, and 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 to historic properties.
- 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:

- Coordinate power demand versus availability with park Utilities staff.
- Ensure a safety walk-through is completed prior to mobilization.

**Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:** None

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 79367.

//Michael T. Reynolds//  
Michael T. Reynolds, Superintendent

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2018-012 Arch Rock IT Shed Installation

**PEPC Project Number:** 79367

**Project Description:**

The project will add an 8 foot x 8 foot equipment shed that will house the computer servers at the Arch Rock Entrance Station. The shed will be located in the garage area of the office building. The shed will be equipped with HVAC and power outlets of various types. The internet for the entrance station will be housed in the shed. Telecommunication staff has indicated there is existing conduit under the road. This project also proposes to remove non-historic cabinets within the garage area. The existing IT cabinets in the garage are unusable and unsafe. The cabinets collect dust and mouse droppings and do not meet the entrance station storage needs. The doors are rotting off and are slated to be replaced with a more workable design. Historic Preservation staff determined that the cabinets were not historic and not attached to the historic structure.

No ground disturbance is necessary and lighting will only be internal to the container. There will be no changes to any of the structures, just removal of the cabinets. The shed will be painted Wosky brown.

**Project Locations:**

Mariposa County, CA

**Mitigation:**

- Coordinate power demand versus availability with park Utilities staff.
- Ensure a safety walk-through is completed prior to mobilization.

**CE Citation:** C.10 Installation of wells, comfort stations and pit toilets in areas of existing use and in developed areas.

**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:** Michael T. Reynolds//      **Date:** 4/25/18  
Michael T. Reynolds

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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:** 2018-012 Arch Rock IT Shed Installation  
**PEPC Project Number:** 79367  
**Project Type:** Communications (CM)  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Mariposa, California  
**Project Leader:** Andrew Regopoulos

### 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	None	
<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	None	

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
Resources		
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures	Potential	All work interior to building with no attachments or alterations. Only visible from carport area, the non-public side of building.
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
<b>Lightscaapes</b> Lightscaapes	None	
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	None	
<b>Other</b> Operational	None	
<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	None	

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
Resources		
<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	
<b>Water</b> Wetlands	None	
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic River	None	
<b>Wilderness</b> Wilderness	None	



# ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

## A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

### 2. **Project Description:**

**Project Name:** 2018-012 Arch Rock IT Shed Installation

**Prepared by:** Renea Kennec    **Date Prepared:** 04/02/2018    **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

**PEPC Project Number:** 79367

#### **Locations:**

**County, State:** Mariposa, CA

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

The area of potential effect is limited to the immediate vicinity of the garage structure. The removal of non-historic cabinets will not affect the historic building. The installation of the equipment will be within the interior of the building and will be visible from within the courtyard. The equipment will not be visible for the El Portal Road or Arch Rock Entrance Station.

### 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:** No

**Historical Structures/Resources Affected:** Yes

**Cultural Landscapes Affected:** No

**Ethnographic Resources Affected:** No

### 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)

Yes 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:** 04/04/2018

**Comments:** Removal of the free-standing non-historic cabinets would not affect the historic garage building. Per the CRM Program Lead, historical architect review is not required because the building is not being affected by the proposed 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:** Streamlined Review (PA)

**Streamlined Activity:**

1. Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties
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**Anthropologist**

**Name:** Scott Carpenter

**Date:** 04/02/2018

**Comments:** All work interior to building with no attachments or alterations. No ground disturbance. Removable.

*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:** Streamlined Review (PA)

**Streamlined Activity:**

1. Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties
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Archeologist

Name: Sara Dolan

Date: 03/19/2018

Comments: The shed is removable and will not involve ground disturbance. There are no concerns.

*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: 04/02/2018

Comments: All work interior to building with no attachments or alterations. Shed is only visible from carport area, non-public side of building. No ground disturbance. Structure is removable. No historic buildings or structures will be affected by this project therefore no historical architect review is 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: Streamlined Review (PA)

Streamlined Activity:

1. Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties
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Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 04/04/2018

Comments: The project involves work within the garage building and will not affect the associated cultural landscape.

*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: Streamlined Review (PA)

Streamlined Activity:

1. Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties
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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

Assessment of Effect Form – 2018-012 Arch Rock IT Shed Installation - PEPC ID: 79367

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)

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.)

1. Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties.

### C. 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.

### D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process

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

### E. Memo to Project File

## 3. Consultation Information

**SHPO Required:** No

**SHPO/THPO Notes:**

**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.

## 6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

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

Kimball Koch //Kimball Koch// **Date:** 4/16/18

**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:** //Michael T. Reynolds// **Date:** 4/25/18  
Michael T. Reynolds

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Cabinets to be removed



Example Shed -  
To be painted Wosky Brown



Garage Area -  
Where Shed Will Be Located

PNL GEN  
STD POWER



EMERGENCY  
GENERATOR

Existing Power Panel to  
Supply Power to New Shed



Proposed Location in the Garage