

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 577 Yosemite, California 95389

Memorandum

To: Marty Nielson, Project Manager, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite

National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2007-054 El Portal Structure Demolition and Modular Installation

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(8) - Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance--for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles.

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 any conditions that may be stipulated in the enclosed *Categorical Exclusion Form* and associated documents when implementing this project.

//Cicely Muldoon//
Michael J. Tollefson

Date

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance

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Categorical Exclusion

(Version: OCT06)

Compliance Tracking Number: **2007-054**PEPC Project Number: **17911**

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Attachments

(2)

Title: El Portal Structure Demolition and Modular Installation

Location: El Portal, Mariposa County, California

Project Manager: Marty Nielson, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park

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 (NEPA) analysis under Categorical Exclusion: DO12 3.4 C(8) - Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance--for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles.

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

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\geq	Preservation Assessment Form	ı (YOSE-XXX)
] Wilderness Minimum Requiren	nent Analysis
	Wild and Scenic River Section	7 Determination
	Other:	
C. DECI	SION	
am far except	miliar, I am categorically exclud	act information in the statutory compliance file, with which I ling the described project from further NEPA analysis. No ns in DO12 3.5 or 3.6 apply and the action is fully described in
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	. Tollefson, Superintendent	Date
Original:	Statutory Compliance File	
cc:	Project Proponent	The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance

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Environmental Screening Form(Version: NOV06)

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A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Title: El Portal Structure Demolition and Modular Installation

Location: El Portal, Mariposa County, California

Project Manager: Marty Nielson, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

This project will include the demolition of an existing residence that has been determined not to be habitable. Following the demolition and removal of the existing structure, the occupant plans to locate a non-permanent modular building that will be used as a single family residence. The existing structure measures 1,331 square feet (43' x 31'). The proposed Fleetwood structure measures approximately 1,190 square feet.

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			History, Architecture and Landscape and Business and Revenue Management staff.
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.		\boxtimes		
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?			\boxtimes	
2d.	Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?			\boxtimes	
3a.	3 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\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?				
Ta	ble B2 – Environmental Screening Form				
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			\forall	H	Construction drawing, see Attachment B.
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1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Maps Drawings (e.g., design, construction) Site Plans Photographs Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain) Other (Explain)	Yes	No No	ents () N/A	Explanation/Notes Abbieville map; see Attachment A. Construction drawing; see Attachment B.

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C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

	Are any impacts possible on the following			N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
	ources?	Yes	No		
1.	Geologic resources: soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc	ᆜ		닏	
2.	From geohazards				
3.	Air quality	ᆜ	\boxtimes		
4.	Soundscapes	Ш			
5.	Water quality or quantity	ᆜ	\boxtimes	_Ц_	
6.	Stream flow characteristics				
7.	Marine or estuarine resources				
8.	Floodplains or wetlands		\boxtimes		
9.	Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use		\boxtimes		Negligible: ownership will be consistent with a single family dwelling occupancy.
	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		
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 or animal)		\boxtimes		
16.	Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.				
17.	Visitor experience, aesthetic resources		\boxtimes		
18.	Cultural resources including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources		\boxtimes		
19.	Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure				
20.	Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.		\boxtimes		
21.	Energy resources		\boxtimes		
22.	Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies		\boxtimes		
23.	Resource, including energy, conservation potential		\boxtimes		
24.	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)?				
	nments, Mitigations and Conditions:				
1.	None				

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D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

If	implemented, would the proposed action:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?		\boxtimes		
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?				Abbieville is located within the El Portal Archeological District; the assessment of effect is "No 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?				
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?				
11.	Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E)?				
12.	Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?				
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)?		\boxtimes		
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?		\boxtimes		
17.	Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		\boxtimes		
	Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?				
	Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?				
C o	omments, Mitigations and Conditions: None				

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E. SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST

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	thin 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)?						
2.	Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		\boxtimes				
3.	Park rare plants or vegetation?		\boxtimes				
	Potential habitat for any special-status	_	\square				
	species listed above?	Ш		Ш			
If '	'yes" to any of the above questions, a Special-S	Status	Specie	es Che	cklist must be completed and attached.		
Co	mments, Mitigations and Conditions:						
1.	None						
E	NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVA	TION		г СШ	ECKI IST		
	thin the area of potential effect:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes		
1.	Will there be ground disturbance?	⊢		井			
2.	Are there any archeological sites?	Ш	\boxtimes				
3.	Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?		\boxtimes				
4.	Is there a historic property (a building, structure, feature, or all or any part of an archeological district or site, or a historic district or site, or any associated landscape element) that is listed or eligible for listing on the <i>National Register</i> ?				El Portal Archeological District; the assessment of effect is "No Effect;" see the attached XXX.		
5.	Is there a National Historic Landmark?		\boxtimes				
6.	Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of Classified Structures</i> ?		\boxtimes				
7.	Is there any cultural resource requiring an evaluation of eligibility as a historic property under NHPA, Section 106, before an affect determination can be made?		\boxtimes				
8	Would there be alteration of any historic property or associated landscape element covered by 2-7, above?						
If '	'yes" to <u>any</u> of the above, then an Assessment	of Effe	ects fo	rm (Yo	OSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.		
Mi	tigations 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 '	If "yes" to either of the above, then a Wilderness Minimum Requirements Analysis must be completed and attached.						
Mi	tigations and Conditions:						
1	None						

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H. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST

Do	es 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)	\boxtimes			Merced River
2.	Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?				
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.				
5a.	Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		\boxtimes		
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?				
If "	'yes" to questions 2, 5b, or 5c, then a WSRA S	ection	7 dete	ermina	tion must be completed and attached.
Mi	tigations and Conditions:	•			
1.	None				

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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:

DO12 3.4 C (8) - Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance--for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles.

Project Mitigations and Conditions:

1. Coordinate structure design, color, and appearance with Park History, Architecture and Landscape Branch Chief (Dave Humphrey, 379-1029) to ensure compatibility with setting and style of area. (Resources Management and Science)

This project has been reviewed in accordance with the 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 National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, the necessary compliance coordination has been completed with regard to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

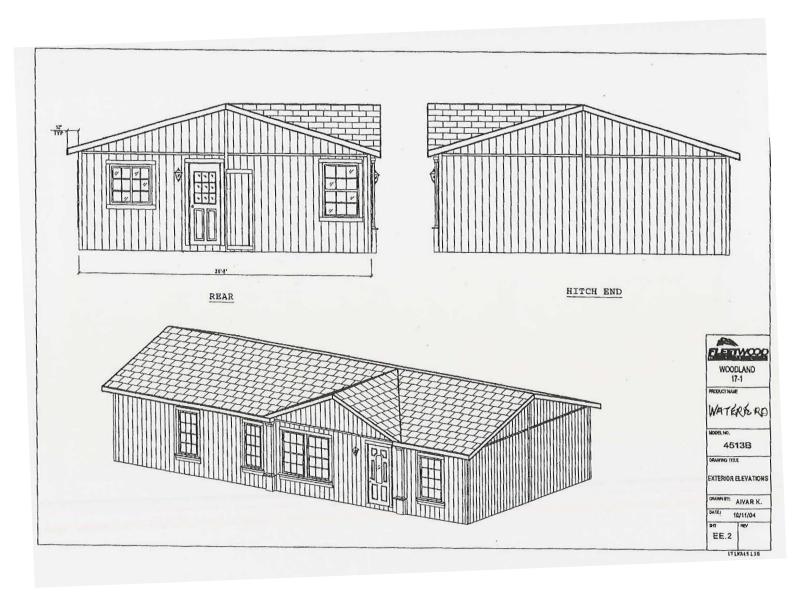
//Renea Kennec//	7/30/07
Compliance Specialist	Date
//Mark A Butler//	8/01/07
Compliance Program Manager	Date
//Bill Delaney//	8/02/07
Chief, Project Management	Date

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Attachment A

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Attachment B



Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE XXX)

(Version: AUG06)

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A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

Title: El Portal Structure Demolition and Modular Installation

Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:

El Portal, Mariposa County, California

Abbieville

Project Manager: Marty Nielson, Business and Revenue Management, Yosemite National Park **Project Description:** This project will include the demolition of an existing residence that has been determined not to be habitable. Following the demolition and removal of the existing structure, the occupant plans to locate a non-permanent modular building that will be used as a single family residence. Ms. Reynolds has measured the dimensions of the existing structure, 1,331 square feet (43' x 31'). The proposed Fleetwood structure measures approximately 1,190 square feet.

1. Atta	ched Sensitive Information**	Yes	No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a.	Maps	\boxtimes		GIS CR Map
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? If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).	\boxtimes			El Portal Archeological District
	a. Would the proposed action affect a known historic property?				
2.	List all Historic Properties in the Area of	Affec	ted?		Explanation/Notes
	Potential Effect:	Yes	No		Explanation/Notes
	a. CA-MRP-0360				roposed ground disturbance.
	b. CA-MRP-1582H			No p	roposed ground disturbance.
	c.	Ш	Ш		
3.	List resources in the Area of Potential	Affec	ted?		
٠.	Effect to which American Indians attach				Explanation/Notes
	cultural and religious significance:	Yes	No		
	a. Traditional resource in vicinity of APE.		\boxtimes		
	b.	Н	Н		
	c.				
1	The proposed action will	Yes	No	N/A	Evalenction/Note
4.	The proposed action will: • Destroy, remove, or alter features or	1 es		IN/A	Explanation/Note
	elements from a historic structure		\boxtimes	Ш	
	• Replace historic features/elements in kind		\boxtimes		
	• Add nonhistoric features/elements to a		\boxtimes		
	historic structure				
	 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				
	Disturb, destroy, or make archeological		\square		
	resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain	Ш			
	Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic				
	resources inaccessible, or alter associated		\boxtimes		
	terrain				
	Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historia fabria tarmin setting landscape				
	historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or		\boxtimes		
	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 				
	historic resources				
	• Other		\bowtie		

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 Date: 3/12/07

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

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: 3/14/07
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: "No Effect" Recommended Conditions:	Yes: No: 🗵	
Signature of Archeologist: //Laura	Kirn//	
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:		
Historical Architect Comments:	Name: Sueann Brown	Date:
Comments.		
Assessment of Effect:		
Recommended Conditions:		
Signature of Historical Architect:		
Historical Landscape Architect	Name: Dave Humphrey	Date: 3/14/07
Comments:		
Assessment of Effect: "No Adverse	Effect"	
Recommended Conditions:		
Signature of Historical Landscape A	architect: //David T. Humphrey//	

Preservation Specialist Comments:	Name: Rod Kennec	Date: 3/14/07					
Assessment of Effect: "No Adve	erse Effect''						
Recommended Conditions: Reco	Recommended Conditions: Recommended Conditions						
Signature of Preservation Specia	list: <u>//Rodney B Kennec//</u>						
Native American Liaison Comments:	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date:					
Assessment of Effect:							
Recommended Conditions:							
Signature of Native American Li	aison:						
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Recommended Conditions:							
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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

	_	*	_	OI standards and guidelines, Rehabilitation of ures to avoid Adverse Effects.		
Re	eviewed	and Accepted by:				
Sią	gnature	Chief of Resources		Date: 5/15/07		
2.	Comp	oliance Requirements:	_	ne park's assessment of Section 106 process ments for this undertaking.		
		Standard 36 CFR Par	t 800 Consultation			
Consultation under 36 CFR is needed subsequent to the preparation of this form and its review appropriate historic resource management advisors.				·		
		☐ Undertaking related to the 1995 NPS Programmatic Agreement				
		The above action meets al 1995 NPS programmatic a		grammatic exclusion under Stipulation IV. A of the ed in Stipulation IV. B, as:		
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		Plan-Related Underta	king			
				taking were completed in the context of a plan review rammatic agreement and 36 CFR Part 800.		
		Undertaking Related	to Another Agreen	nent		
				on 106 purposes under a document such as a a 37 CFR Part 800.7 or counterpart regulations.		
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		Flood-Recovery Relate	ed Undertaking			
		* *	ate Historic Preservati	on 106 purposes under the letter-based agreement on Office, and the Council for Historic Preservation		
	\boxtimes	Undertaking Related	to the 1999 Yosemi	te Programmatic Agreement		
			lesign, construction, o	on 106 purposes under the park's 1999 programmatic perations and maintenance; the undertaking meets		

3. Assessment of Effects: No Effect

4. Project Stipulations and Conditions

Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:

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. Coordinate structure design, color and appearance with the park History, Architecture and Landscape staff to ensure compatibility with the setting and style of the area.

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Name:	Jeannette Simons	
Title:	Historic Preservation Officer	
Signature:	//Jeannette Simons// Da	te: <u>5/17/07</u>
E. SUPER	INTENDENT'S APPROVAL	
	red work conforms to NPS Management Polic lations, stipulations, and conditions noted in	11
Signature	of Superintendent: //Cicely Muldoon//	Date: <u>8/06/07</u>
	Michael J. Tollefson	

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