



A PDF text file of the project's approved environmental compliance package containing the letter of compliance completion, categorical exclusion form, environmental screening form, and any other associated environmental clearance forms, as applicable (e.g., Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis, Wild and Scenic River Section 7 Analysis). The signed originals of the package are on file in the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office at Yosemite National Park.

## Letter of Compliance Completion

**To:** Eric Bissmeyer, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

**From:** Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2020\_044 Place Visitor Contact Kiosk in Bridalveil Creek Campground (PEPC: 96453)

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.

**Required Mitigations** - For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- Vegetation staff must approve the source of aggregate and soil materials to ensure incoming material is weed free. Vegetation staff will either (1) provide a list of approved aggregate sources, (2) inspect the source of earth materials, or (3) provide mitigations or other guidance for approving the material.
- Prior/during adding fill and prior/during placing the building, assign one person to do nothing except make sure there are no Yosemite toads present that could get covered.
- Compliance with food-storage and garbage disposal requirements must be achieved at all times.

There are no NHPA Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations identified.

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Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent

**Date:** 1/25/2021

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## Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

**Project:** Place Visitor Contact Kiosk in Bridalveil Creek Campground

**PEPC Project Number:** 96453

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

The park proposes to place a pre-built 5' x 10' kiosk building next to the existing self-registration station in the Bridalveil Creek Campground across from A loop. The park is planning to switch this campground from a "first come first serve" basis to reservation only. The purpose of the kiosk is to create a safe area, out of the elements, where campground staff and visitors can interact. Additionally, the kiosk will serve as a sheltered location for staff to maintain records and organization. The kiosk was previously removed from the Wawona campground and is currently located in the Wawona building and grounds maintenance yard. Facilities staff would relocate it to the Bridalveil Creek campground.

Compacted fill and gravel will be added to the surface to create a level base that does not promote wood rot. No subsurface anchoring will be necessary, as the kiosk is on skids. No power or data lines need to be run to the shelter thus no trenching would be necessary for any utility connections. Phone access is available at the host site for staff use; no internet is needed. Solar panels will be added to the kiosk to provide a small amount of power to the building to run a fan.

**Mitigation(s):** See Letter of Compliance Complete for mitigations.

**CE Citation:** C.5 Installation of signs, displays, kiosks, etc.

**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.

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Cicely Muldoon

Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent

**Date:** 1/25/2021

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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 longer applicable per updated 2020 CEQ NEPA regulations and DOI direction.
<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

<b>Project Title:</b>	Place Visitor Contact Kiosk in Bridalveil Creek Campground
<b>PEPC Project Number:</b>	96453
<b>Project Type:</b>	Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)
<b>Project Location:</b>	
<b>County, State:</b>	Mariposa, California
<b>Project Leader:</b>	Eric Bissmeyer

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See Categorical Exclusion

### C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air	None	
<b>Biological</b> Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	Vegetation staff must approve the source of aggregate and soil materials to ensure incoming material is weed free. Vegetation staff will either (1) provide a list of approved aggregate sources, (2) inspect the source of earth materials, or (3) provide mitigations or other guidance for approving the material.
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat <i>Great Grey Owl</i>	None	Issue: Great grey owls are nearby.  Impact: The project will not impact Great Grey Owls.
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat <i>Yosemite toad</i>	None	Issue: Yosemite toad may be present in the project area.  Impact: No impact if mitigation measure is followed: Prior/during adding fill and prior/during placing the building, assign one person to do nothing except make sure there are no Yosemite toads present that could get covered.
<b>Biological</b> Vegetation	None	
<b>Biological</b> Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat	None	

including terrestrial and aquatic species		
<b>Cultural</b> Archeological Resources <i>Old Glacier Point Road (site CA-MRP-1525H)</i>	None	<p>Issue: The project will involve very minor ground disturbance to place fill to create a level platform for the kiosk. The area was archeologically surveyed in 1987 and 2019 and is located adjacent to Old Glacier Point Road (site CA-MRP-1525H). The site has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The road here follows the same alignment of the campground road, which has been graded and paved over multiple times in the modern era. No features or artifacts have been identified in this area and installation of the kiosk will not affect the road.</p> <p>Impact: None</p>
<b>Cultural</b> Cultural Landscapes <i>Historical Architecture/Historical Landscape Architecture</i>	None	<p>Issue: The campground is a Mission 66 resource; however, no determination of eligibility has been complete for the campground. The park is treating the campground as if it is eligible for the purposes of Section 106. In a letter dated December 10, 2020 (NPS_2020_1112_003), SHPO concurred with this approach</p> <p>Impact: None. The installation of the kiosk is reversible and is of a compatible style and scale in a location that is the least intrusive on the historic campground design.</p>
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
<b>Lightscares</b>	None	
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety <i>Rangers and visitors' comfort and safety</i>	Potential	<p>Issue: The new kiosk will provide shelter from the elements for Park rangers and visitors as they register at the campground.</p> <p>Impact: Positive impact of providing comfort and safety to rangers and visitors.</p>
<b>Other</b> Operational <i>Campground reservation system</i>	Potential	<p>Issue: The new kiosk will be used to convert the existing reservation system (first come first serve) to online reservations.</p> <p>Impact: The new kiosk will improve the registration experience for visitors and allow the park to better manage the campground and serve the public.</p>
<b>Other</b>	None	

<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b>	None	
<b>Soundscapes</b>	None	
<b>Viewsheds</b> <i>Cultural Landscape</i>	None	Issue: The installation of the kiosk is reversible and is of a compatible style and scale in a location that is the least intrusive on the campground.  Impact: None
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> <i>Campground reservation system experience</i>	Potential	Issue: The new kiosk will be used to convert the existing reservation system (first come first serve) to online reservations.  Impact: The new reservation system housed at the new kiosk may improve the visitor experience by providing a clear reservation process and a ranger on site to facilitate campground check in.
<b>Water</b> Floodplains	None	
<b>Water</b> Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	
<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	
<b>Water</b> Wetlands	None	
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic River	None	
<b>Wilderness</b>	None	



## ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

**Project Name:** Place Visitor Contact Kiosk in Bridalveil Creek Campground

**Prepared by:** Laura Stevens    **Date Prepared:**    **Telephone:** (209) 379-1303

**PEPC Project Number:** 96453

**Locations:**

**County, State:** Mariposa, CA

**Describe project:** See Categorical Exclusion

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

The park proposes to place a pre-built 5' x 10' kiosk building next to the existing self-registration station in the Bridalveil Creek Campground across from A loop. Compacted fill and gravel will be added to the natural surface to level and promote drainage beneath the pre-constructed kiosk so there is no vertical subsurface APE. Kiosk is fully removable and reversible.

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

	No
X	Yes
	Source or reference:

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

**Archeological Resources Present:** No

**Archeological Resources Notes:** The project area was archeologically surveyed in 1987 and 2019 and is located adjacent to the Old Glacier Point Road (site CA-MRP-1525H). Old Glacier Point Road follows the same alignment as the existing campground road, which has been graded and paved over multiple times in the modern era. The park is treating the site as if it is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for purposes of Section 106 compliance. In a letter dated December 10, 2020 (NPS\_2020\_1112\_003), SHPO concurred that Old Glacier Point Road (CA-MRP-1525/H) is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A, B, and C.

**Historical Structures/Resources Present:** Yes

**Historical Structures/Resources Notes:** The campground is a Mission 66 resource; however, no determination of eligibility has been complete for the campground. The park is treating the campground as if it is eligible for the purposes of Section 106 compliance. In a letter dated December 10, 2020 (NPS\_2020\_1112\_003), SHPO concurred with this approach.



**Cultural Landscapes Present: Yes**

**Cultural Landscapes Notes:** No cultural landscape inventory has been completed for the site. The campground is a Mission 66 resource; however, no determination of eligibility has been complete for the campground. The park is treating the campground as if it is eligible for the purposes of Section 106 compliance pending SHPO concurrence. In a letter dated December 10, 2020 (NPS\_2020\_1112\_003), SHPO concurred with this approach.

**Ethnographic Resources Present: No**

**Ethnographic Resources Notes:** Project information was presented to traditionally associated tribes and groups in the July 2020 Tribal Spreadsheet. No historic properties of religious or cultural significance have been identified for previous consultation for other undertakings in the area (e.g., water system upgrades).

**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)
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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**[ X ] 106 Advisor**

**Name:** Madelyn Ruffner

**Date:** 08/06/2020

**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:** Standard 4-Step Process

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**[ X ] Anthropologist**

**Name:** Liz Williams

**Date:** 07/14/2020

**Comments:** project information was presented to traditionally associated tribes and groups in the July 2020 Tribal Spreadsheet. No comments were received. No historic properties of religious or cultural significance have been identified during previous consultations.

**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:** Standard 4-Step Process

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[ ☒ ] **Archeologist**

**Name:** Wesley Wills

**Date:** 07/08/2020

**Comments:** The project will involve very minor ground disturbance to place fill to create a level platform for the kiosk. The area was archeologically surveyed in 1987 and 2019 and is located adjacent to the Old Glacier Point Road (site CA-MRP-1525H). The site has been recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The road here follows the same alignment of the campground road, which has been graded and paved over multiple times in the modern era. No features or artifacts have been identified in this area and installation of the kiosk will not affect the road. No further archeological work is recommended.

**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:** Standard 4-Step Process

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[ ☒ ] **Historian**

**Name:** Scott Carpenter

**Date:** 07/14/2020

**Comments:** Kiosk is fully removable and reversible.

**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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[ ☒ ] **Historical Architect**

**Name:** Kathleen (Kate) Johnson

**Date:** 07/21/2020

**Comments:** The placement of the prefabricated kiosk on skids over gravel is reversible and should therefore not create an adverse affect. As it is a new element in the landscape the Standard 4-Step process is recommended.

**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:** Standard 4-Step Process

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**[ X ] Historical Landscape Architect**

**Name:** Vida Germano

**Date:** 07/20/2020

**Comments:** The installation of the kiosk is reversible and is of a compatible style and scale in a location that is the least intrusive on the campground.

**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:** Standard 4-Step Process

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**No Reviews From:** Curator, 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:**

**[ X ] A. Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation**

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

**[   ] B. Streamlined Review Under the 2008 Service wide Programmatic Agreement (PA)**

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Service wide PA for Section 106 compliance.

**Applicable Streamlined Review Criteria**

(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

**[   ] C. Undertaking Related to Park Specific or Another Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a park, region or statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or 36 CFR 800.14.

**[   ] D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process**

Process and documentation required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD to comply with Section 106 is in accord with 36 CFR 800.8.c.

**[   ] E. Memo to Project File**

**3. Consultation Information**

**SHPO Required:** Yes  
**SHPO Sent:** Nov 10, 2020  
**SHPO Received:** Dec 10, 2020

**THPO Required:** Yes  
**THPO Sent:** Jul 1, 2020  
**THPO Received:**

**SHPO/THPO Notes:** NA

**Advisory Council Participating:** No  
**Advisory Council Notes:** NA  
**Additional Consulting Parties:** No

**4. Stipulations and Conditions:** None

**5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:** None

**6. Assessment of Effect Notes:** None

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

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Hope Schear, Section 106 Coordinator      **Date:** 1/14/2021

**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.

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Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent      **Date:** 1/25/2021

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## Other Compliance/Consultations Form

**Park Name:** Yosemite National Park

**PEPC Project Number:** 96453

**Project Title:** Place Visitor Contact Kiosk in Bridalveil Creek Campground

**Project Type:** Other Maintenance Activities: new placement of an existing structure

**Project Location:**

County, State: Mariposa, CA

**Project Leader:** Eric Bissmeyer

### ESA

**Any Federal Species in the project Area?** Yes

**If species in area:** No Effect

**Was Biological Assessment prepared?**

**If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred?**

**Formal Consultation required?** No

**Formal Consultation Notes:** Yosemite toads (FT) could occur in the project area. To ensure there is no effect, designate one person to ensure there are no toads present while fill is being added to the site and again when the building is placed upon it.

**Formal Consultation Concluded:**

**Any State listed Species in the Project Area?** Yes

**Consultation Information:** Great gray owls are nearby but will not be impacted.

**General Notes:**

<b>Data Entered By:</b>	Rachel Mazur	<b>Date:</b>	Jul 7, 2020
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### ESA Mitigations

*No ESA mitigations are associated with this project.*

### Floodplains/Wetlands/§404 Permits

Question	Yes	No	Details
A.1. Is project in 100- or 500-year floodplain or flash flood hazard area?		No	Not in floodplain or flash flood hazard area.
A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by NPS/DOI?		No	Not in wetland as defined by NPS/DOI.
B. COE Section 404 permit needed?		No	No placement of fill in waters of the United States.
C. State 401 certification?		No	
D. State Section 401 Permit?		No	Issue Date: Expiration Date:

E. Tribal Water Quality Permit?		No	
F. CZM Consistency determination needed?		No	
G. Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Required?		No	
H. Any other permits required?		No	Permit Information:
Other Information:			
Data Entered By:	Laura Stevens	Date:	Sep 10, 2020

### Flood Plains & Wetlands Mitigations

*No Flood Plains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.*

### Wilderness

Question	Yes	No	
A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?		No	
B. Is the only place to conduct this project in wilderness?		No	
C. Is the project necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness?		No	
D. Would the project or any of its alternatives adversely affect (directly or indirectly) Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)		No	
E. Does the project or any of its alternatives involve the use of any of the Wilderness Act Section 4(c) prohibited uses: commercial enterprise, permanent road, temporary road, motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats, landing of aircraft, mechanical transport, structure, or installation? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)		No	
If the answer to D or E above is "Yes" then a Minimum Requirements Analysis is required. Describe the status of this analysis in the column to the right.			Initiation Date: Completed Date: Approved Date:
Other Information:			
Data Entered By:	Laura Stevens	Date:	Sep 10, 2020

### Other Permits/Laws *Questions A & B are no longer used.*

Question	Yes	No
C. Wild and scenic river concerns exist?		No
D. National Trails concerns exist?		No

E. Air Quality consult with State needed?		No
F. Consistent with Architectural Barriers, Rehabilitation, and Americans with Disabilities Acts or not Applicable? (If N/A check Yes)	Yes	
G. Other:		

Other Information:

Data Entered By:	Laura Stevens	Date:	Sep 10, 2020
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