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Yosemite National Park Date: 03/30/2021

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: Ryan Leahy, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: 2021-069 NEPA & NHPA Clearance: Relocate the Wildlife Program's Equipment Shed (PEPC: 92968)

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 92968.

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:

- Only work specified in PEPC 92968 is approved for implementation. Changes to plans require further review and approval by the Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch.
- Park staff traveling through Yosemite Valley will drive slowly on warm, wet nights to avoid impacts to listed amphibians.
- Ground disturbance will not exceed 2 inches below grade and any necessary leveling will be done with hand tools. The parking sign will be replaced in the exact same location and hole after the shed is in place. The shed will be placed in the location agreed upon by the park Cultural Resources Manager.
- If previously unknown cultural resources are encountered, the project manager shall temporarily suspend work in the immediate area and contact the Cultural Resource Program Manager who will evaluate and determine appropriate action to protect resources, which could include consultation with appropriate parties (e.g., tribes, SHPO). Although not expected, should previously unknown American Indian burial

	overed, the Cultural Resource Program Manage ican Graves Protection and Repatriation Act re	•	e direction to follow provi	sions
Superintendent:	Cicely Muldoon Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent	Date:	April 19, 2021	

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# **Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)**

**Project:** Relocate the Wildlife Program's Equipment Shed

**PEPC Project Number: 92968** 

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

The Yosemite Wildlife office was previously located in Yosemite Valley at 9008 Indian Canyon Road and their utility/equipment shed was located adjacent to this building (about 100 feet away). The wildlife management staff use various pieces of field equipment that are often bulky and dirty (traps, nets, bait, radio tracking gear, enclosures, etc.), necessitating a storage solution outside of the office environment. The wildlife office has considered leaving the shed in its present location, however it has proved to be disruptive to their workflow to not have their equipment stored close to their office. Wildlife Management proposes moving the shed from its present location to the proposed location. The proposed location was chosen in coordination with the park Cultural Resources Manager (Scott Carpenter, now retired), in order to minimize visual impacts from the shed being placed in the Village. He suggested changes to the location that would maximize it being placed near screening vegetation and minimize visual impacts.

The park proposes to move the wildlife shed from its existing location to a new location in Yosemite Village near the current wildlife office. The Wildlife Management office storage shed is an 8-foot tall, 12-feet long by 8-feet wide structure currently sitting at 9008 Indian Canyon road, behind the old Wildlife Management office. The park proposes to move the shed to 9000 Cedar Court, adjacent to the new Wildlife Management office.

In order to move the shed, which weighs 3,000 pounds, the park would use a loader. The shed would be placed in the new location on concrete blocks seated on top of the ground. The site would require a small amount of preparation in the form of minor leveling with hand tools so that the eight 12-inch by 12-inch blocks can be placed. The project would result in minor ground disturbance up to 2 inches below grade associated with leveling the site with hand tools. The park would need to move the parking block and a "no parking" sign in order to place the shed in the new location; both of these would be replaced in the same location after the shed has been moved.

#### **Project Locations:**

Location			
County:	Mariposa	State:	CA

#### Mitigation(s):

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- If previously unknown cultural resources are encountered, the project manager will temporarily suspend work in the immediate area and contact the Cultural Resource Program Manager who will evaluate and determine appropriate action to protect resources, which could include consultation with appropriate parties (e.g., tribes, SHPO). Although not expected, should previously unknown American Indian burial sites be discovered, the Cultural Resource Program Manager will provide direction to follow provisions Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act requirements.

**CE Citation:** C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

CE Justification: Moving an existing shed to a new location in a developed area.

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.

<b>Superintendent:</b>	Cicely Muldoon	Date:	April 19, 2021	
	Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent			

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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>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	
C. 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> [Repealed per DOI] Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	NA	No longer applies following departmental guidance.
<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	
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	
<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	
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:	Relocate the Wildlife Program's Equipment Shed
PEPC Project Number:	92968
PMIS Number:	
<b>Project Type:</b>	Other Administrative Activities (ADM)
<b>Project Location:</b>	
County, State:	Mariposa, California
Project Leader:	Ryan Leahy

## **B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

See Categorical Exclusion form.

## C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	None	
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat California Red-legged Frog	Potential	Issue: Proposed location is potentially in California Red-legged Frog habitat, but is in an existing developed area.  Impact: Follow resource protections to avoid impacts to the frog. Although the project my take place between 9/1 and 5/1, surveys are not required because the worksites are not adjacent to known occupied CRLF sites or favorable aquatic habitat.
Biological Vegetation	None	
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Archeological Resources Yosemite Valley Archeological District	Potential	Issue: Proposed location is in the Yosemite Valley Archeological District, but is not in or adjacent to known archeological sites.

		Impact: Follow resource protections to avoid impacts to archeological resources. Ground disturbance is limited to up to 2-inches in depth to level 12-inch by 12-inch pier block placement.
Cultural Cultural Landscapes Yosemite Valley Historic District	Potential	Issue: Project location is in the Yosemite Valley Historic District.  Impact: The location for the shed was selected to avoid impacts to the visual character of this historic landscape features of the
		Yosemite Valley Historic District. The proposed location is screened from view from the more highly used areas along the path. The location and color will minimize the visual impact.
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	None	
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures Yosemite Village Historic District	Potential	Issue: Project location is in the Yosemite Village Historic District.  Impact: The shed is not attached or immediately adjacent to historic building. The location for the shed was selected to avoid impacts to the setting, feeling, and association of the contributing
		buildings to the Yosemite Valley Historic District.
Geological Geologic Features	None	
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscapes Lightscapes	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	None	
Other Operational Wildlife Management Operations	Potential	Issue: Project will move the equipment shed used by wildlife managers to a location adjacent to their current office; it is currently disjunct.
		Impact: Beneficial impact on wildlife management operations.
Other Other	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	

Soundscapes Soundscapes	None	
Viewsheds Views from historic buildings	Potential	Issue: Relocated shed may be visible from historic buildings.  Impact: Follow resource protection measures regarding shed placement to minimize avoid impacts from building viewpoints. The location for the shed was selected to avoid impacts to the setting, feeling, and association of the contributing buildings to the Yosemite Valley Historic District.
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and Experience	None	
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	

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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: Relocate the Wildlife Program's Equipment Shed

**Date Prepared:** 01/09/2020 Prepared by: Ninette Daniele **Telephone:** (209) 379-1457

PEPC Project Number: 92968

**Locations:** 

County, State: Mariposa, CA

Describe project: See Categorical Exclusion form.

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

Five residences around the Cedar court cul-de-sac and limited views from village drive. The vertical APE is limited to 2 inches for minor leveling to seat building.

### 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: Yes** 

**Property Name:** Yosemite Valley Archeological District LCS:

**Archeological Resources Notes:** Monitoring data from sewer and water line monitoring show no findings.

Historical Structures/Resources Present: Yes

**Property Name:** Yosemite Village Historic District NR status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

**Property Name:** Yosemite Valley Historic District LCS:

**Historical Structures/Resources Notes:** Five historic residences (building #s: 6, 7, 8, 58, 59) around the Cedar court cul-de-sac would have views to the proposed shed location.

**Cultural Landscapes Present:** Yes

**Property Name:** Yosemite Valley Historic District LCS:

**Ethnographic Resources Present**: Yes

**Ethnographic Resources Notes:** The shed is proposed to be located within the village of Ahwahnee. The project was included on the December 2019 tribal spreadsheet.

## 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>
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:

[ X ] 106 Advisor Name: Hope Schear Date: 04/12/2021 Comments: Compliance complete. SHPO concurrence received 4/8/2021.
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]  Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedX_No Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review  Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:  Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process
[X] Anthropologist Name: Liz Williams Date: 01/14/2020 Comments: Project included as informational item on December 2019 tribal spreadsheet.
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]  Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedX_No Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review  Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Archeologist
Name: Scott Carpenter
<b>Date:</b> 01/14/2020
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]  Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedX_No Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review  Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process
[V] Historian
[X] Historian Name: Scott Carpenter
Date: 01/14/2020
<b>Comments:</b> Shed is not attached or immediately adjacent to historic building - no historical architect review needed.
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]  Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedX_No Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review  Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:
Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process
[X] Historical Landscape Architect Name: Vida Germano Date: 01/27/2020 Comments: The proposed location is screened from view from the more highly used areas along the path. The
location and color will minimize the visual impact.
Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [ ]  Assessment of Effect:No Potential to Cause EffectNo Historic Properties AffectedX_No Adverse EffectAdverse EffectStreamlined Review  Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Highly recommend avoiding placement of sheds in this area in the future in order to maintain the open character of this portion of the developed area.
Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

## 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 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. 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: March 3, 2021 SHPO Received: April 8, 2021

THPO Required: Yes THPO Sent: Dec 23, 2019

**THPO Received**: No response received after 30 days

**SHPO/THPO Notes: NA** 

**Advisory Council Participating: No** 

**Advisory Council Notes:** 

**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.)

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6. Assessment of Effect No	tes: NA		
D. RECOMMENDED BY	PARK SECTION 106 COORDINA	ATOR:	
NHPA Specialist Hope Schear Hope Schear		Date:	April 13, 2021
E. SUPERINTENDENT'S	APPROVAL		
1 1	as to the NPS <i>Management Policies</i> as prove the recommendations, stipulations		$\varepsilon$
Superintendent:	Cicely Muldoon	Date:	April 19, 2021
	Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent		
Environmental Plannin	his document is on file at the ag and Compliance Office in National Park.		

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## **Other Compliance/Consultations Form**

Park Name: Yosemite National Park PEPC Project Number: 92968

**Project Title:** Relocate the Wildlife Program's Equipment Shed **Project Type:** Other Administrative Activities: Moving shed facility

**Project Location:** 

County, State: Mariposa, CA Project Leader: Ryan Leahy

#### **ESA**

Any Federal Species in the project Area? Yes

If species in area: No Effect

Was Biological Assessment prepared? Yes

**Sent to FWS:** 

FWS Response: Dec 8, 2018

Sent to NMFS: NMFS Response:

If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred? Yes

Formal Consultation required? No

**Formal Consultation Notes:** 

Project is covered through a Biological Opinion (2018: attached), though project activities are anticipated to have no effect on the California red-legged frog. The project should have no effect on the frog due to its short duration and the affected locations being unfavorable habitat for the frog. Although the project my take place between 9/1 and 5/1, surveys are not required because the worksites are not adjacent to known occupied CRLF sites or favorable aquatic habitat.

Formal Consultation Concluded: Dec 8, 2018 Any State listed Species in the Project Area? No

**Consultation Information:** 

**General Notes:** 

Data Entered By:	Ninette Daniele	Date:	Mar 30, 2021
Data Entered by.	Nillette Daillete	Date.	Wiai 50, 2021

### **ESA Mitigations**

Mitigation ID	Text
114182	Park staff traveling through Yosemite Valley will drive slowly on warm, wet nights to avoid
	impacts to listed amphibians.

#### Floodplains/Wetlands/§404 Permits

Question	Yes	No	Details
A.1. Is project in 100- or 500-year		No	Not in floodplain or flash flood hazard area.
floodplain or flash flood hazard area?			
A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by		No	Not in wetland as defined by NPS/DOI.
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		N/A
needed?		
G. Erosion & Sediment Control Plan	No	
Required?		
H. Any other permits required?		Permit Information:
Other Information:		
Data Entered By: Ninette Daniele		<b>Date:</b> Mar 30, 2021

FloodPlains & Wetlands Mitigations: No FloodPlains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.

## Wilderness

Question		Yes	No	
A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommendo Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?	ed,		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 (direc indirectly) Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis requ			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 Requirement Analysis is required. Describe the status of this analysis in the column the right.				Initiation Date: Completed Date: Approved Date:
Other Information:				
Data Entered By: Ninette Daniele	Date:	Ma	ar 30, 20	)21

## **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	Yes	
Disabilities Acts or not Applicable? (If N/A check Yes)		

	G. Other:		No
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## **Other Information:**