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## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park  
P. O. Box 577  
Yosemite, California 95389

### Memorandum

To: Marty Nielson

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and Section 106 Clearance: 2008-014 El Portal, Magruder Residence, conversion of existing garage (20242)

The Management Team has reviewed the proposed project/action and completed its environmental assessment documentation, and we have determined that there:

- Will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- Will not be any effect on historical, cultural, or archeological resources.
- Will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and Section 106 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:

- The only exterior impact will be vent installation, which should be done on secondary elevations.

// Niki Stephanie Nicholas // acting for  
Michael J. Tollefson

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2008-014 El Portal, Magruder Residence, Conversion of Existing Garage

**PIN:** 20242

**Date:** January 29, 2008

**Project Description:** This project includes a proposal to remodel an existing storage area above a garage at 9746 Buckeye Road in the El Portal Administrative Site (Old El Portal). The 384 square foot project would include a separate kitchen, full bathroom and living area, accessed by the existing outside staircase. Parking is available on site. All mechanical codes will be followed. Hot and cold water supply would be copper and drain, waste, and vent to be ABS plastic. The direct vent water heater is already installed in the downstairs garage. Propane would fuel the kitchen stove and direct vent wall furnace. A wall mounted evaporative cooler would be installed. Copper wiring is to be used throughout. R-19 fiberglass wall insulation and R-30 ceiling insulation would be used. All windows will be glazed dual paned. Taped and textured wallboard would finish interior walls and ceiling. Ceramic tile would be installed in the kitchen and bath. The living area would either be carpeted or wood.

**Project Location:**

**Mariposa County, CA., El Portal**

**Mitigation(s):**

- The only exterior impact will be vent installation, which should be done on secondary elevations.

**Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):**

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

**On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.**

// Niki Stephanie Nicholas // acting for  
**Park Superintendent**

2-12-08  
**Date**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

### DO-12 APPENDIX 1

(Revised June 2004, per DM)

Today's Date: **January 29, 2008**

Date Form Initiated: **January 28, 2008**

#### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: **Yosemite NP**

Project Title: **2008-014 El Portal, Magruder Residence, Conversion of Existing Garage**

PEPC Project Number: **20242**

Project Type: **Facility Rehabilitation**

Project Location: County, State: **Mariposa, California** Other: **El Portal**

Project Leader: **Marty Nielson**

Administrative Record Location: **Environmental Planning and Compliance Office**

Administrative Record Contact: **Mark Butler**

#### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

**This project includes a proposal to remodel an existing storage area above a garage at 9746 Buckeye Road in the El Portal Administrative Site (Old El Portal). The 384 square foot project would include a separate kitchen, full bathroom and living area, accessed by the existing outside staircase. Parking is available on site. All mechanical codes will be followed. Hot and cold water supply would be copper and drain, waste, and vent to be ABS plastic. The direct vent water heater is already installed in the downstairs garage. Propane would fuel the kitchen stove and direct vent wall furnace. A wall mounted evaporative cooler would be installed. Copper wiring is to be used throughout. R-19 fiberglass wall insulation and R-30 ceiling insulation would be used. All windows will be glazed dual paned. Taped and textured wallboard would finish interior walls and ceiling. Ceramic tile would be installed in the kitchen and bath. The living area would either be carpeted or wood.**

Preliminary drawings attached? **Yes**

Is project a hot topic (controversial or sensitive issues that should be brought to attention of Regional Director)? **No**

### C. RESOURCE EFFECTS TO CONSIDER:

<b>Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources</b>	<b>No Effect</b>	<b>Negligible Effects</b>	<b>Minor Effects</b>	<b>Exceeds Minor Effects</b>	<b>Data Needed to Determine/Notes</b>
1. Geologic resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.	X				
2. From geohazards	X				
3. Air quality	X				
4. Soundscapes		X			Temporary construction noises during conversion of garage.
5. Water quality or quantity	X				
6. Streamflow characteristics	X				
7. Marine or estuarine resources	X				
8. Floodplains or wetlands	X				
9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	X				
10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine	X				
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat	X				
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites	X				
13. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat	X				
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat	X				
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)	X				
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation,	X				

activities, etc.					
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	X				
18. Archeological resources	X				
19. Prehistoric/historic structure	X				
20. Cultural landscapes	X				This residence is a non-contributing element to the Old El Portal Historic District and will not impact the historic district.
21. Ethnographic resources	X				
22. Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)	X				
23. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X				
24. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	X				
25. Energy resources	X				
26. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	X				
27. Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability	X				
28. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.	X				
29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	X				
30. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	X				

Comments:

## D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

<b>Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Comment or Data Needed to Determine</b>
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X		
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?		X		
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?		X		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X		
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X		
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X		
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?		X		
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?		X		
I. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X		

J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X		
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		X		
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)?		X		

For the purpose of interpreting these procedures within the NPS, any action that has the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values would constitute an action that triggers the DOI exception for actions that threaten to violate a federal law for protection of the environment.

## E. OTHER INFORMATION

Are personnel preparing this form familiar with the site? **Yes**

Did personnel conduct a site visit? **No**

Is the project in an approved plan such as a General Management Plan or an Implementation Plan with an accompanying NEPA document? **No**

Are there any interested or affected agencies or parties? **No**

Did you make a diligent effort to contact them?

Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? **No**

*(If yes, attach additional pages re: consultations, including the name, dates, and a summary of comments from other agencies or tribal contacts.)*

Are there any connected, cumulative, or similar actions as part of the proposed action? (e.g., other development projects in area or identified in GMP, adequate/available utilities to accomplish project)? **No**

## F. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES

<b>Interdisciplinary Team</b>	<b>Field of Expertise</b>
Michael Tollefson	Superintendent
Kevin Cann	Deputy Superintendent
Linda Dahl	Chief of Planning
Bill Delaney	Chief of Project Management
Larry Harris	Chief of Administration Management
Dennis Mattiuzzi	Chief of Maintenance
Niki Nicholas	Chief of Resources Management & Science
Marty Nielson	Chief of Business and Revenue Management
Chris Stein	Chief of Interpretation and Education
Steve Shackelton	Chief Ranger
Bill Rust	Project Leader
Mark Butler	Environmental Planning and Compliance
	Program Manager
Jeannette Simons	NHPA Specialist
Renea Kennec	NEPA Specialist

## G. SUPERVISORY SIGNATORY

*Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance file and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for this stage of the subject project is complete.*

Recommended:

<b>Compliance Specialist</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>// Renea Kennec //</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u>1/29/08</u>
<u>// Mark A. Butler //</u> Compliance Program Manager – Mark Butler	<u>1/29/08</u>
<u>// Randall J Fong // acting for</u> Chief, Project Management – Bill Delaney	<u>2/7/08</u>

Approved:

<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>// Niki Stephanie Nicholas // acting for</u> Michael Tollefson	<u>2-12-08</u>

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## PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS ANSWERS PRINT FORM

Today's Date: **January 29, 2008**

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP

Project/Pin Number: 20242

Project Type: Facility Rehabilitation

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California Other: El Portal

Project Leader: Marty Nielson

Project Title: 2008-014 El Portal, Magruder Residence, Conversion of Existing Garage

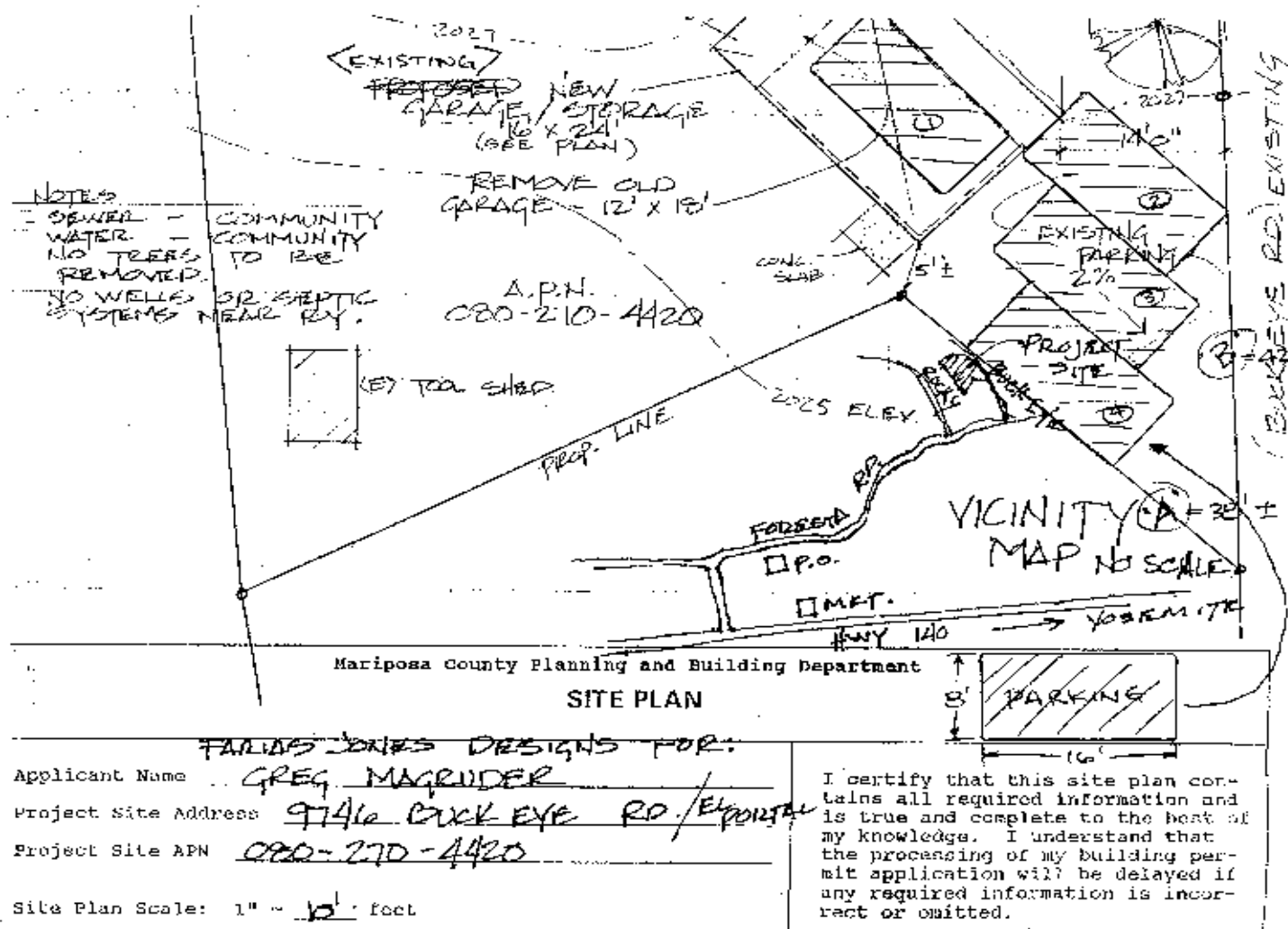
### PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST		X		
2. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		X		
3. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		X		
4. Park rare plants or vegetation?		X		
5. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		X		
6.NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST		X		
7. Entail ground disturbance?		X		
8. Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect?		X		
9. Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape?	X			The Old El Portal Cultural Landscape will not be impacted by the conversion of the garage.
10. Has a National Register form been completed?		X		
11. Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?		X		
12.WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST	X			
13. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? (Name the river corridor)		X		Merced River.
14. Fall within the bed and banks AND will effect the free-flow of the river?		X		
15. Have the possibility of affecting water quality of the area?		X		
16. Remain consistent with its river segment classification?	X			
17. Protect and enhance river ORVs?	X			

18. Fall within the River Protection Overlay?		X		
19. If Yes, remain consistent with conditions of the River Protection Overlay?			X	
20. Remain consistent with the areas Management Zoning?	X			
21. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		X		
22. Will the project encroach or intrude upon the Wild and Scenic River corridor?		X		
23. Will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?		X		
100. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST		X		
101. Within designated Wilderness?		X		
102. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		X		



Map - El Portal





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## ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Park: Yosemite NP Park District: El Portal

2. **Project Description:**

a. Project Name: 2008-014 El Portal, Magruder Residence, Conversion of Existing Garage

Date: December 30, 2007 Park Project Number: 20242

b. Describe project and area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.2[c]).

This project includes a proposal to remodel an existing storage area above a garage at 9746 Buckeye Road in the El Portal Administrative Site (Old El Portal). The 384 square foot project would include a separate kitchen, full bathroom and living area, accessed by the existing outside staircase. Parking is available on site. All mechanical codes will be followed. Hot and cold water supply would be copper and drain, waste, and vent to be ABS plastic. The direct vent water heater is already installed in the downstairs garage. Propane would fuel the kitchen stove and direct vent wall furnace. A wall mounted evaporative cooler would be installed. Copper wiring is to be used throughout. R-19 fiberglass wall insulation and R-30 ceiling insulation would be used. All windows will be glazed dual paned. Taped and textured wallboard would finish interior walls and ceiling. Ceramic tile would be installed in the kitchen and bath. The living area would either be carpeted or wood.

The APE is limited to the structure that is non-contributing to the Old El Portal Historic District. The proposed project will not impact the historic district..

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify cultural resources?**

☐ No

☒ Yes Source or reference Old El Portal CLI

☐ Check here if no known cultural resources will be affected. (If this is because area has been disturbed, please explain or attach additional information to show the disturbance was so extensive as to preclude intact cultural deposits.)

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

**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. Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties:**

(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

- The only exterior impact will be vent installation, which should be done on secondary elevations.

**7. Supporting Study Data:**

8. **Attachments:** ☐ Maps ☐ Archeological survey, if applicable ☐ Drawings ☐ Specifications  
☐ Photographs ☐ Scope of Work ☐ Site plan ☐ List of Materials ☐ Samples  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Prepared by** Jeannette Simons **Date:** 12/03/07

**Title:** Historic Preservation Officer **Telephone:** 209-379-1372

**B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisers as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

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**☐ ARCHEOLOGIST**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* ☐ Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_\_\_ No Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_ Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**[ ] CURATOR**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [ ] Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_\_ No Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_ Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**[ ] ANTHROPOLOGIST**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [ ] Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_\_ No Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_ Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**[ ] HISTORIAN**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [ ] Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected \_\_\_\_ No Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_ Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**[X] HISTORICAL ARCHITECT**

Name: Sueann Brown

Date: 11/30/2007

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [X]  
Assessment of Effect: \_\_ No Historic Properties Affected   X   No Adverse Effect \_\_ Adverse Effect \_\_ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**[X] HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**

Name: David Humphrey

Date: 11/14/2007

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [ ]

Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected   x   No Adverse Effect \_\_\_ Adverse Effect  
\_\_\_ Programmatic Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**[ ] 106 Advisor**

Name:

Date:

Comments:

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [ ] Assessment of Effect: \_\_\_\_\_ No Historic  
Properties Affected \_\_\_\_\_ No Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_ Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_ Programmatic  
Exclusion

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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**RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Review by specialists:** The appropriate subject-matter experts have reviewed the project and entered their comments and recommendations above.

*The comments and recommendations for the proposed action are consistent with all applicable NPS management policies, standards, guidelines, or US DOI standards and guidelines, Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, or others, and incorporates measures to avoid Adverse Effects.*

**Reviewed and Accepted by:**

**Signature:**   // Niki Stephanie Nicholas //   **Date:**   1-21-08    
Chief of Resources Management & Science Division

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**C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Assessment of Effect:**

\_\_\_\_\_ No Historic Properties Affected   X   No Adverse Effect \_\_\_\_\_ Adverse Effect

**2. Compliance requirements:**

[ ] A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION



Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

☐ B. PROGRAMMATIC EXCLUSION UNDER THE 1995 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV of the 1995 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE EXCLUSION: Exclusion IV.B  
(Specify 1-13 or IV.C addition to the list of exclusions.)

☐ 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 1995 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.

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ E. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED BY USE OF NEPA

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

☒ F. STIPULATIONS/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.

1. The only exterior impact will be vent installation, which should be done on secondary elevations.

Recommended by Park Section 106 coordinator:

Name Jeannette Simons

Title NHPA Specialist

Date 1-28-08

Recommended by Park Section 106 coordinator:

Signature of Historic Preservation Officer // Jeannette Simons //

**D. 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.

Signature of Superintendent // Niki Stephanie Nicholas // acting for Date 2-12-08

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