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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2018-014 West of the Emergency Services Complex Clean Up and Weather Station Alignment

PEPC Project Number: 80896

Project Description:

The area directly west of the Emergency Services Complex is currently being used as an equipment and supplies storage area and has become unsightly. The goal of this project is to clean up the area, move supplies and equipment to more appropriate locations restore the area to a more natural landscape and fence it in using a cedar split rail. A zig-zag split rail, so as not to require digging, 10 foot rails, with an acceptable crossing angle between 60 and 130 degrees. The existing chain link fence will be removed; fence posts will be cut off to avoid ground disturbance.

Another component of this project involves moving the National Weather Service instruments slightly to the south to align them with the existing weather station. In order to secure the weather instruments without requiring digging, the instruments will be placed in a concrete slab (4 feet wide by 15 feet long by 4 inches high) that is poured on the surface. An existing dirt roadway (south of the weather station) that parallels a more established road (south of the barns) will be abandoned and covered with fill dirt to restore the natural terrain. The concrete pad for the weather station will have dirt filled in around it so the slab is secured and flush with the topography. Asphalt on the east side of the site will be cut off to maintain a straight line.

Since the site will be restored to natural conditions, the storing of trailers and other vehicles will no longer be possible. Each division will be responsible for ensuring the existing trailers and vehicles are not moved to areas that would cause new problems. The areas up near the barn need to be kept clear for large vehicles to maneuver and park.

Project Locations:

Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:

- Ensure an archeological monitor is present during the asphalt removal on the east side of site.
- Ensure a hot work permit is obtained prior to cutting chain link fence posts.
- Provide erosion control on downhill side of soil placement.
- Address the loss of vehicle and wheeled equipment parking.

CE Citation: C.16 Landscaping and landscape maintenance in previously disturbed or developed areas.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent: Michael T. Reynolds **Date:** July 11, 2018
Michael T. Reynolds

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Yosemite National Park.*

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
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	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
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?	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	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. 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 13007)?	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)

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A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title:	2018-014 West of the Emergency Services Complex Clean Up and Weather Station Alignment
PEPC Project Number:	80896
Project Type:	Rehabilitation (REHA)
Project Location:	
County, State:	Mariposa, California
Project Leader:	Ansley Singer

B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Temporary dust will be emitted during the area clean up.
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	Potential	All soil will be sourced from Yosemite Valley. Area will be restored with native plants.
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
Biological Vegetation	None	
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	No subsurface ground disturbance should occur within project area. Only remove loose asphalt on surface in area. No ground disturbance/excavation beneath existing asphalt. Remove fence posts around weather station by flush-cut at ground surface. Install concrete foundation pad for weather station equipment on existing surface with fill placed around concrete.
Cultural Museum Collections	None	
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	

Geological Geologic Features	Potential	Project has been designed to minimize or avoid ground disturbance.
Geological Geologic Processes	None	
Lightscares Lightscares	None	
Other Human Health and Safety	Potential	A hot permit will be obtained prior to cutting off the chain link posts, per the park Safety Office.
Other Operational	None	
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
Socioeconomic Socioeconomic	None	
Soundscapes Soundscapes	Potential	There will be temporary construction noises during project implementation.
Viewsheds Viewsheds	None	
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	