



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: Rod Kennec, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2022-050 Grounds Routine Maintenance Programmatic CE (PEPC: 100145)

The Superintendent and park interdisciplinary team have reviewed the proposed project and completed an impact analysis and documentation, and have determined the following:

- The project is not likely to adversely effect 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:

Cultural Resources

- The park Cultural Resources Management (CRM) workgroup will review and approve (with sign-off in PEPC) all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. Work that is determined to fall within the scope of the 2020 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement will follow all applicable avoidance measures in the PA. Work that is located within a historic district, archeological site, or American Indian Traditional Cultural Properties and resources sites will require consultation with the appropriate subject-matter experts in RMS in order to protect cultural resources and may require additional consultation activities with traditionally associated American Indian tribes and/or the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Repairs to features or structures (e.g. walkways, fencing, etc.) within a historic district shall be in-kind, and consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Yosemite Design Guidelines.

- If previously unknown cultural resources are encountered during ground disturbing work, 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 under routine activities, 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.

General

- Project managers implementing activities covered by this programmatic CE must follow the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and mitigation measures for programmatic CEs to ensure that potential impacts are minimized and the appropriate documentation and reporting of activities occurs. Refer to the programmatic CE SOPs on SharePoint under the Project Management/Environmental Planning and Compliance link for the most up-to-date version of the SOPs as they will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary as new mitigation measures and best practices are identified.
- If soil will be disturbed, coordinate with Resource Management and Science (RMS) Branch Chiefs to determine subject matter experts needed for archaeology, hydrology, vegetation, and wildlife to ensure avoidance of resource damage and to plan revegetation treatments, if necessary.
- Side casting of material and debris is prohibited in the park and must be transported to an established staging area reviewed by RMS Branch Chiefs. Construction debris, municipal waste, old asphalt and concrete, sheet metal, and treated lumber will be transported outside the park. These materials may be staged temporarily at established staging areas.

Safety

- Coordinate with the Utilities Branch for any ground disturbing work. Ensure that Underground Service Alert (USA Dig) is contacted a minimum of seven days prior to any planned digging to locate utilities.
- For work involving chemicals or toxic substances, contact the Safety Office to adhere to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, including maintaining product labels, safety data sheets, worker training regarding proper chemical handling and use, and storage considerations.

Vegetation

- All seed blends and fertilizer mixes must be approved by VER.

Wildlife

- The Park Compliance Wildlife Biologist will review and approve (with a sign-off in PEPC) all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. The biologist will determine if work will occur within areas potentially occupied by listed or special status species (not limited to but including animals listed under the federal Endangered Species act, such as the Yosemite Toad, Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, California red-legged frog, and Fisher, as well as special status species such as Spotted owl, Great Gray owl, certain bat species, migratory birds, or others) or impact wildlife habitat. For work in habitat for listed species, the project must follow all applicable conservation measures contained in the Biological Opinions issued to the park by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Certain activities, including tree-cutting, vegetation management, herbicide application, and work producing excessive noise (grading, paving, other activities requiring heavy equipment, as well as use of chainsaws, power tools, generators), are likely to be restricted during Limited Operating Period of March 1 to June 30 within certain habitat areas and/or likely to require biological monitoring or pre-work surveys (at the expense of the project), as directed by the park Compliance Wildlife Biologist.

- Conduct demolition, construction, and maintenance activities during daylight hours to avoid disturbing wildlife.
- Follow park speed limits to avoid vehicle strikes of special status wildlife. Drive slowly on warm, wet nights in Yosemite Valley to avoid impacts to listed frogs.
- Fill all trenches or holes the end of each day. If this is not possible, all holes or trenches will be fitted with escape ramps or capped to prevent entrapment of wildlife.

Superintendent Signature: _____ **Cicely Muldoon** **Date:** _____ **March 7, 2022**

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Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

Project: 2022 Grounds Routine Maintenance Programmatic CE

PEPC Project Number: 100145

Description of Action (Project Description):

This Categorical Exclusion (CE) serves as a programmatic record for routine grounds maintenance and landscaping activities in all public, housing, and administrative areas of Yosemite National Park. This project is categorically excluded under NPS Director's Order #12, Action 3.3 C (3): Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds, and trails (2015 NEPA Handbook). This CE is in accordance with the NPS Management Policies (2006), Endangered Species Act (1973), Director's Order 77 (Natural Resources Protection), Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, and the Superintendent's Compendium. The activities covered by this programmatic CE (PCE) are necessary to ensure visitor and employee health and safety, reduce the potential for environmental degradation, maintain aesthetics, provide or improve access, and prevent deterioration of existing facilities.

This CE supersedes PEPC 17477 and provides updates to proposed activities and resource protection measures.

This PCE is intended to cover repair, relocation, or replacement of furnishings in developed campgrounds, picnic areas, and similar public spaces (trailheads and parking areas), maintenance of landscaped features, and clearing of irrigation ditches in all public, housing, and administrative areas not within designated Wilderness. This PCE is not intended to cover maintenance of buildings, such as restrooms, within these public spaces. It is also not intended to cover landscape installations that completely replace the previous landscaping, or activities associated with existing or potential historic landscapes where plant species composition would be altered. Please refer to the complete list of covered activities below.

Compliance Review Process

Project Manager Submits Annual Workplan

Most work performed under this programmatic CE will be submitted in a workplan to the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office for review and approval on an annual basis, at least 4 months prior to the start date of the work plan.

Annual workplans will be entered into the PEPC system as a new project for review, approval, and record-keeping purposes. The PEPC entry should describe all proposed activities in the workplan or project in sufficient detail including the following:

- building locations, names, and numbers
- relevant photographs (uploaded into a single word file that includes captions of each photo),
- descriptions and locations of soil disturbance (with depth and dimensions of soil disturbance),
- a description of equipment and methods that would be used to accomplish work goals,
- maps of proposed work areas,
- plan drawings (if applicable) for proposed work, and
- anticipated schedule of work to be accomplished.

Project Manager Submits Stand-Alone Project Proposal

Stand-alone projects with activities that are covered in this PCE that are outside of the scope of an annual workplan will be submitted for review and approval by the compliance office at least 4 months ahead of the anticipated start date.

Interdisciplinary Team Reviews Proposal

Ideally, the project manager or work supervisor will present workplans or stand-alone projects at the monthly Project Planning Meeting (PPM) to facilitate comprehensive and expeditious review by park subject matter experts. The Compliance Office will provide guidance and documentation on those activities in the workplan which are fully covered by this PCE, those activities which are covered but which may require further compliance (e.g. consultation with Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tribes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, etc.) and those activities which fall outside of the scope of this PCE and may need to be processed as a stand-alone CE.

Compliance Specialist Provides Compliance Complete Notification

Following the interdisciplinary review, the compliance specialist will draft the compliance complete documentation and provide it to the Project Manager. This documentation will specify that approved work performed under this programmatic CE must follow standard avoidance/minimization/mitigation measures and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) (attached here and also refer to the current SOPs for programmatic categorical exclusions found on SharePoint at Project Management/Environmental Planning & Compliance/Programmatic CEs). In addition to following requirements and mitigations contained in the Programmatic CE SOPs, the Project Manager must implement, in consultation with the park's subject-matter experts, the mitigations specific to routine grounds maintenance activities included in this CE document.

Programmatic CE Review and Updates

This document will be reviewed periodically to determine if any updates are needed. Any new activities, significant changes in technology or scope of work, or amendments to this PCE will trigger consultation with the Compliance Office, Facilities Management, and Resources Management and Science.

Grounds Routine Maintenance Activities

The following activities are covered by this programmatic CE. Activities not listed, but similar in scope, scale, and effect may be covered with Compliance Office approval.

Maintenance of features: This work includes repairs that are often required to address deterioration or damage due to exposure, weather, and use.

- a. Repair or replacement of garbage/recycling cans and dumpsters
- b. Repair and construction of broken or chipped concrete trash can footings in developed areas when excavation would not adversely affect archeological resources; Leveling unstable trash can footings on bare soil; Installation of new trash can footings on an as needed basis in developed areas; Relocation of existing trash can footings, if needed, to within eight feet of existing trash can pad; Concrete pads will be set to the depth necessary to avoid creating a tripping hazard and will be dyed appropriately to match ground color
- c. Repair and replacement of existing bear boxes
- d. Repair and replacement of damaged campfire grills and concrete bases
- e. Repair and replacement of campsite markers
- f. Repair and replacement of picnic tables
- g. Minor repairs and replacement of 'half logs' for site and road delineation (concrete, rock, wood)
- h. Maintenance of accessible ramps and features in accessible campsites (aggregate base material) provided the width or depth of the area of previous disturbance is not exceeded
- i. Repair and replacement of existing sidewalks, walkways, boardwalks, and associated stairways

- j. Maintenance of sidewalk and walkway shoulders (within 1 foot from edge of walkway)
- k. Routine maintenance of existing amphitheaters
- l. Routine maintenance of cemeteries and grave markers with tools and treatments that do not damage the markers
- m. Routine maintenance of tennis courts, baseball fields, and playground areas

Landscaping and grounds maintenance: This work includes upkeep of landscaped features in all public, housing, and administrative areas outside of designated Wilderness with no changes in layout or design.

- a. Routine mowing
- b. Vegetation removal, pruning, topping, trimming, limbing, and maintenance of defensible space around buildings and structures (does not include historic orchard maintenance)
- c. Raking
- d. Mulching
- e. Weed abatement and removal of exotic/invasive plant species, including herbicide application in accordance with the park's Invasive Plant Management Plan EA Update and in coordination with NPS invasive plant manager prior to treatments
- f. Laying of sod
- g. New plantings (native species only) (due to soil disturbance may require additional time for NHPA compliance)
- h. Seeding (RMS-approved weed free blend only)
- i. Fertilizing (RMS-approved mixture only)
- j. Installation, repair, and replacement of irrigation lines in previously disturbed areas
- k. Maintenance of existing fencing, barriers, and decorative retaining walls (concrete, rock, wood) with materials that are compatible with the historical setting
- l. Clearing of irrigation ditches
- m. Grading of terrain adjacent to a building to facilitate water run-off
- n. Grading of campsites and associated parking areas
- o. Removal of natural debris following weather or geologic events such as a fire, rock fall, flood, heavy snowstorm, or similar event
- p. Non-destructive activities to address health and safety problems (e.g. treatments to address vector-borne pathogens). Pesticide treatments to wasps, hornet, or yellow jackets nest will only be permitted on a case-by-case basis pending approval by either Chief of Resources, Branch Chief of Wildlife, or Human-Wildlife Program Manager. Pesticides application may only occur after consultation with the human-wildlife conflict group. Only pesticides approved by the park integrated pest manager and the Safety Office with a current Pesticide Use Permit will be used. All applications will be reported to the park integrated pest manager annually. No pesticides in the classification of neonicotinoid will be applied.
- q. General cleaning to maintain acceptable standards for health and park aesthetics

Mitigation(s):

See Letter of Compliance Completion for Mitigations.

CE Citation: 3.3.C.3 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails.

CE Justification:

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 Signature: Cicely Muldoon **Date:** March 7, 2022

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Explanation
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	None
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	None
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	None
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	None
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	None
F. [Repealed per DOI] Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	N/A	No longer applicable per the updated 2020 CEQ NEPA regulations and DOI direction.
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	None
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	None
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	None
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	None
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 130007)?	No	None
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	None



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: 2022 Grounds Routine Maintenance Programmatic CE

PEPC Project Number: 100145

Project Type: Routine Maintenance (ROU)

Project Location:

County, State: Mariposa, CA

County, State: Tuolumne, CA

Project Leader: Rod Kennec

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See CE Form for Project Description.

C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Issue: Ground disturbing activities may produce dust. Impact: Air emissions during repair, replacement, or maintenance of features is expected to be minor, localized, and short-term.
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	Potential	Issue: Equipment or material (mulch, fill, etc.) brought in from outside the park poses the risk of introducing non-native or exotic species. Work performed under this PCE includes abatement and removal of exotic/invasive plant species. Impact: Majority of work will be performed by park staff; in the case that a contractor is brought in, best management practices will be followed to prevent the introduction of non-native/exotic species. Removal of exotic/invasive plant species, including herbicide application, will be in accordance with the park's Invasive Plant Management Plan EA Update.
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	Potential	Issue: Work areas may overlap with habitat for special status species. Impact: The park Wildlife and Vegetation Branches will review and approve projects or workplans being placed under this PCE.

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Biological Vegetation	Potential	<p>Issue: Work performed under this PCE includes vegetation removal, pruning, topping, trimming, limbing, maintenance of defensible space, and new plantings. Vegetation work within cultural landscapes may be limited by NRHP listing elements.</p> <p>Impact: Proposed vegetation work will be reviewed and approved by the park Vegetation Branch and Cultural Resource Management (CRM) workgroup. Defensible space maintenance will positively impact WUI communities and structures by protecting them from wildfire. New plantings will be limited to native species only.</p>
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	None
Cultural Archeological Resources	Potential	<p>Issue: Ground disturbing work may impact archeological resources.</p> <p>Impact: The park Cultural Resources Management (CRM) workgroup will review and approve all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. Work with the potential to impact archeological resources will be identified for appropriate treatment measures, if necessary.</p>
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	Potential	<p>Issue: Work performed under this PCE may occur within a historic district.</p> <p>Impact: Repairs to features or structures (e.g. walkways, fencing, etc.) within a historic district shall be in-kind and consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Yosemite Design Guidelines. The park Cultural Resources Management (CRM) workgroup will review and approve all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE.</p>
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	Potential	<p>Issue: Work, particularly ground disturbing work, performed under this PCE may impact ethnographic resources.</p> <p>Impact: The park Cultural Resources Management (CRM) workgroup will review and approve all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. Work with the potential to impact ethnographic resources may require tribal consultation.</p>
Cultural Museum Collections	None	None
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	Potential	<p>Issue: Work performed under this PCE includes maintenance of features, including campground appurtenances, amphitheaters, cemeteries, retaining walls, etc. Many of these features may be considered historic structures or contributing elements.</p> <p>Impact: The park Cultural Resources Management (CRM) workgroup will review and approve all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. Work performed on historic structures or elements will be limited to in-kind repair/replacement.</p>

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Geological Geologic Features	Potential	Issue: Work performed under this PCE may include ground disturbance. Impact: Area of ground disturbance will be limited to existing developed areas.
Geological Geologic Processes	None	None
Lightscares	None	None
Other Human Health and Safety	Potential	Issue: Work performed under this PCE includes actions to protect visitor health and safety, including setting concrete pads to avoid creating a tripping hazard, debris removal, pathogen/pesticide treatments, and generally maintaining features to prevent deterioration. Impact: Work performed is generally expected to have a positive impact on visitor health and safety.
Other Operational	Potential	Issue: Work performed under this PCE is generally aimed at keeping park facilities in good condition. Impact: Work is expected to improve park operations.
Other <i>Pesticides</i>	Potential	Issue: Work performed under this PCE may include pesticide application. Pesticide use may pose safety risks to applicators, visitors, vegetation, and non-target wildlife populations. Impact: Pesticides application may only occur after consultation with the human-wildlife conflict group. Only pesticides approved by the park integrated pest manager and the Safety Office with a current Pesticide Use Permit will be used. All applications will be reported to the park integrated pest manager annually. No pesticides in the classification of neonicotinoid will be applied.
Socioeconomic Land Use	None	None
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	None
Socioeconomic	None	None
Soundscapes	Potential	Issue: Repair/replacement/maintenance activities may produce construction-related noise. Impact: Construction-related noise impacts are expected to be minor, localized, and short-term.
Viewsheds	Potential	Issue: See Cultural Landscapes, above.

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	Potential	Issue: Much of the work under this PCE will take place within high visitor use areas, including campgrounds, walkways, and managed landscapes. Impact: Work is expected to support the park's recreational resources by improving and maintaining visitor facilities in good order.
Visitor Use and Experience Visitor Use and Experience	Potential	Issue: See Recreational Resources, above. Impact: Visitor experience will be enhanced by well-maintained facilities.
Water Floodplains	Potential	Issue: Some work areas may take place within floodplains. Impact: Work is generally replacement/repair/maintenance in-kind and will generally not add new features to floodplains.
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	None
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	None
Water Wetlands	Potential	Issue: Some maintained features (e.g. boardwalks) may take place within wetlands. Impact: Work on boardwalks is limited to repair and replacement in kind.
Water Wild and Scenic River <i>Merced Wild and Scenic River, Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River</i>	Potential	Issue: Much of the work performed under this PCE may take place within either the Merced or Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River corridors. Impact: Work is generally limited to routine maintenance, repair, and in-kind replacement of built features and landscaped areas. Work is not expected to impact the ORVs of the Wild and Scenic Rivers.
Wilderness	Potential	Issue: This PCE does not authorize work within Designated Wilderness. Impact: Work within Potential Wilderness Additions may require review by the park Wilderness Branch.



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Park: Yosemite National Park

2. Project Description:

Project Name: 2022 Grounds Routine Maintenance Programmatic CE

Prepared by: Daniel Sharon **Date Prepared:** 09/03/2021 **Telephone:** (209) 379-1038

PEPC Project Number: 100145

Locations:

County, State: Mariposa, CA

County, State: Tuolumne, CA

Describe project:

See Categorical Exclusion Form

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

The APE is limited to the developed landscaped areas in all public, housing, and administrative areas parkwide. The APE does not include the buildings within these areas. Work on features or structures (e.g. walkways, fencing, etc.) within historic districts and cultural landscapes will be limited to repair and replacement in-kind only. Ground-disturbing work will be limited to areas of existing disturbance.

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

4. Potentially Affected Resource(s):

Archeological Resources Present: Yes

Archeological Resources Notes: Park-Wide project; presence/absence of resources determined on a site-by-site basis through review and approval of annual workplans.

Historical Structures/Resources Present: Yes

Historical Structures/Resources Notes: Park-Wide project; presence/absence of resources determined on a site-by-site basis through review and approval of annual workplans.

Cultural Landscapes Present: Yes

Cultural Landscapes Notes: Park-Wide project; presence/absence of resources determined on a site-by-site basis through review and approval of annual workplans.

Ethnographic Resources Present: Yes

Ethnographic Resources Notes: Park-Wide project; presence/absence of resources determined on a site-by-site

basis through review and approval of annual workplans. The project was included on the April 2021 Tribal Spreadsheet. No comments were received.

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

Yes/No	The proposed action will...
No	Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
Yes	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)
No	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)
No	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: 02/02/2022

Comments: The actions described under this PCE fit into the streamlined review categories of the Park's 2020 programmatic agreement. Please see recommendations for further instructions.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance []

Assessment of Effect: ___No Potential to Cause Effect ___No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect ___Adverse Effect ___Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Submit detailed project descriptions with the annual work plan or with individual project submissions after the work plan has been approved. Tribal consultation, approval to use the PCE, and final assessments of effect will be completed once sufficient detail is received by the compliance office.

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

[X] Anthropologist

Name: Liz Williams

Date: 06/11/2021

Comments: Project submitted for tribal consultation in April 2021 Tribal Spreadsheet emailed to tribes for 30

day review on April 15, 2021.

No tribal comments received within 30 day review period.

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: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

[X] Archeologist

Name: Erin Davenport

Date: 01/28/2022

Comments: Best management practices will be engaged in annual workplan review to ensure appropriate survey coverage and treatments are applied on a project-by-project basis to avoid impacts to archeological resources.

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: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

[X] Historical Architect

Name: Donald Faxon

Date: 02/07/2022

Comments: See below

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: Concur with HLA and add that as per the standard SOI / in-kind requirements, all historic built elements should be maintained as is; in particular stone features must only receive grout of a mixture matching historic, cleaning of stone should be of a method that does not abrade or otherwise damage, and all other questions should be addressed by the HA or Yosemite Preservation Team.

[X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Vida Germano

Date: 09/21/2021

Comments: All activities are routine ground maintenance, which will help to maintain the condition of the cultural landscape.

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: Ensure that these projects are coordinated with the CRM team at the park prior to implementation, especially the vegetation removal for defensible space.

Doc Method: Park Specific or Other Programmatic Agreement

No Reviews From: Curator, Historian, Other Advisor

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

Select with X	Assessment of Effect
n/a	No Potential to Cause Effects
n/a	No Historic Properties Affected
X	No Adverse Effect
n/a	Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

☐ **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: No

SHPO Sent:

SHPO Received:

THPO Required: Yes

THPO Sent: 4/15/2021

THPO Received: No response after 30 days

SHPO/THPO Notes:

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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- Coordinate with the Utilities Branch for any ground disturbing work. Ensure that Underground Service Alert (USA Dig) is contacted a minimum of seven days prior to any planned digging to locate utilities.
- If soil will be disturbed, coordinate with Resource Management and Science (RMS) Branch Chiefs to determine subject matter experts needed for archaeology, hydrology, vegetation, and wildlife to ensure avoidance of resource damage and to plan revegetation treatments, if necessary.
- The park Cultural Resources Management (CRM) workgroup will review and approve (with sign-off in PEPC) all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. Work that is determined to fall within the scope of the 2020 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement will follow all applicable avoidance measures in the PA. Work that is located within a historic district, archeological site, or American Indian Traditional Cultural Properties and resources sites will require consultation with the appropriate subject-matter experts in RMS in order to protect cultural resources and may require additional consultation activities with traditionally associated American Indian tribes and/or the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Repairs to features or structures (e.g. walkways, fencing, etc.) within a historic district shall be in-kind, and consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Yosemite Design Guidelines.

6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

Work is covered by the 2020 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement Categories 2 (Rehabilitation, Repair, Construction, or Minor Relocation of Trails, Walks, Paths, Boardwalks, and Sidewalks, and Abandoned Roads), 3 (Maintenance/Repair/Resurfacing/Removal of Roads and Parking Areas), 4 (Health and Safety Activities), 5 (Routine Grounds Maintenance), 8 (Maintenance or Replacement of Non-Historic Utility Lines, Transmission Lines, and Fences), 11 (Meeting Accessibility Standards), and 15 (Actions to Non-Historic Buildings, Structures, and Landscapes).

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Section 106 Coordinator Hope Schear **Date:** February 10, 2022
Signature: _____

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.

Superintendent Signature: _____ Cicely Muldoon **Date:** _____ March 7, 2022



Other Compliance/Consultations Form

Park Name: Yosemite National Park

PEPC Project Number: 100145

Project Title: 2022 Grounds Routine Maintenance Programmatic CE

Project Type: Routine Maintenance

Project Location:

County, State: Mariposa, CA

County, State: Tuolumne, CA

Project Leader: Rod Kennec

ESA

Any Federal Species in the project Area? Yes

If species in area: Not Likely to Adversely Affect

Was Biological Assessment prepared? Yes

If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred?

Formal Consultation required? No

Formal Consultation Notes:

Routine actions covered by Fisher BO, California Red-Legged Frog BO, Invasive Plant Management BO

Formal Consultation Concluded:

Any State listed Species in the Project Area?

Consultation Information:

General Notes: Action areas may overlap with habitat for federally listed endangered or threatened species, including Yosemite Toad, Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, California Red-Legged Frog, and Fisher, as well as special status species such as Great Gray Owl. The Park Compliance Wildlife Biologist will review and approve all projects or workplans being placed under this PCE. To avoid adverse effects to species, project actions will adhere to applicable conservation measures contained in the Biological Opinions for these species.

Data Entered by: Daniel Sharon

Date: January 21, 2022

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?	Yes	Determined to be exempt from compliance with Director's Order #77-2 and no Floodplain Statement of Findings required.

Question	Yes/No	Details
A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by NPS/DOI?	Yes	Determined to be exempt from compliance with Director's Order #77-1 and no Wetland Statement of Findings required.
B. COE Section 404 permit needed?	No	No placement of fill in waters of the United States.
C. State 401 certification?	No	None
D. State Section 401 Permit?	No	Issue Date: Expiration Date:
E. Tribal Water Quality Permit?	No	None
F. CZM Consistency determination needed?	N/A	N/A
G. Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Required?	No	None
H. Any other permits required?	No	Permit Information:
Other Information:	N/A	Some actions may take place within floodplains or wetlands. Work is generally limited to replacement/repair/maintenance of features in-kind. A SWPPP may be required for actions that disturb more than 1 acre of soil.

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Date: December 15, 2021

Floodplains & Wetlands Mitigations

No Floodplains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.

Wilderness

Question	Yes/No	Notes
A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?	No	None
B. Is the only place to conduct this project in wilderness?	No	None
C. Is the project necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness?	No	None

Question	Yes/No	Notes
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	None
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	None
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.	N/A	Initiation Date: Completed Date: Approved Date:
Other Information: Actions within Designated Wilderness are not authorized under this PCE. Proposed actions within Potential Wilderness require review by the Wilderness Branch.	Yes	None

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Date: December 15, 2021

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:	No

Other Information:

Actions may take place within Wild and Scenic River corridors, and are not expected to impact ORVs. Localized dust impacts related to maintenance activities may be addressed by water suppression, and would generally not rise to the level of requiring State Air Quality consultation. Work on accessible ramps and features will be consistent with the ABA and ADA.

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Date: December 15, 2021