



*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*

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

**Project:** Residential Fence for Building #705 in the El Portal Administrative Area, Rancheria Housing

**PEPC Project Number:** 101395

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

The project involves the installation of a fence in the residential backyard of building #705 (9757 River View Lane) in the Rancheria Flat housing area in the El Portal Administrative Area. This residence is occupied by park employees who have requested park approval to install a fence that would improve conditions for their dog. Because the fence would be personal property, it will be removed at the time the employee vacates the housing unit at an undetermined time in the future. Installation of utilitarian fences (such as dog fences) occur throughout the park's residential areas and are typically compatible with the residential nature of the neighborhood.

The fenced enclosure, rectangular in shape, will be installed on the eastern side of the house, measuring 35 feet by 32 feet, and will be constructed using t-posts and mesh (approximately 102 linear feet) that will require minimal ground disturbance to support 13 t-posts that measure 2 inches in diameter placed six inches deep. The fence will be connected to northeastern and southeast corners of the house using six 1/2-inch diameter eye hooks total. The hooks will be screwed 1 inch into vertical siding that was installed during 2009 repairs to the building. The fence would be constructed of pre-fabricated metal mesh that is roughly 5 feet high.

**Project Locations:** Mariposa County, California

**Mitigation(s):** See Letter of Compliance Completion (page 1)

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

**CE Justification:** The proposed fence is similar to the scope and extent of C.5.

**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: Nicole Athearn, Acting Superintendent Date: July 3, 2022

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**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
<b>A.</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	None
<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	None
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	None
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	None
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	None
<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	None
<b>H.</b> Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	None
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	None
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	None
<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 13007)?	No	None
<b>L.</b> Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	None



## ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

**Project Title:** Residential Fence for Bldg. #705 in the El Portal Administrative Area, Rancheria Housing

**PEPC Project #:** 101395

**Project Type:** Other Maintenance Activities (MNT)

**Project Location:** County/State: Mariposa, California

**Project Leader:** Schree Yager

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See CE Form (Page 2)

### C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
<b>Air</b> Air Quality	None	None
<b>Biological</b> Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	None
<b>Biological</b> Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	None
<b>Biological</b> Vegetation	None	None
<b>Biological</b> Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species <i>Wildlife Behavior</i>	Potential	Issue: Pet food must not be accessible to wildlife in order to protect their behavior from food conditioning, especially bears.  Impact: Pet food must not be left outside.
<b>Cultural</b> Archeological Resources	Potential	None
<b>Cultural</b> Cultural Landscapes <i>Archeological site</i>		Issue: The fence would be placed within an archeological site, which has not been formally evaluated but was surveyed in 2019 and 2021 and falls within heavily disturbed soils. The proposed ground disturbance would occur entirely within the same location as shovel probes excavated during controlled archeological subsurface survey [REDACTED]  Impact: No impacts to the archeological site are anticipated.

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources <i>Archeological resources</i>	Potential	Issue: The proposed fence would be placed within an archeological site.  Impact: Tribes have been consulted on the project and have not voiced concerns regarding potential impacts to ethnographic sites.
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	None
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures <i>Historic Structures</i>	Potential	Issue: The fence would be connected using small eye bolts to the historic residence.  Impact: The eye bolts are very small and have been determined by the park Historical Architect to pose no adverse effect to the structure.
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	None
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	None
<b>Lightscares</b> Lightscares	None	None
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	None	None
<b>Other</b> Operational	None	None
<b>Other</b> Other	None	None
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	None
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	None
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Socioeconomic	None	None
<b>Soundscapes</b> Soundscapes <i>Soundscapes</i>	Potential	Issue: The fence will be used to house a resident's dog, which may sometimes bark.  Impact: The resident must keep the dog in accordance with the park's housing policy, which would decrease the possibility that the dog would engage in nuisance barking behaviors.
<b>Viewsheds</b> Viewsheds <i>Viewshed</i>	Potential	Issue: The fence is visible from the historic residence.  Impact: The view of the fence would be non-obtrusive due to the fence being made with materials, such as wire mesh and t-posts that do not obscure views.
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources	None	None
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Visitor Use and Experience	None	None
<b>Water</b> Floodplains	None	None
<b>Water</b> Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	None

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Potential for Impact</b>	<b>Potential Issues &amp; Impacts</b>
<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	None
<b>Water</b> Wetlands	None	None
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic River	None	None
<b>Wilderness</b> Wilderness	None	None



## Other Compliance/Consultations Form

**Park Name:** Yosemite National Park

**PEPC Project Number:** 101395

**Project Title:** Residential Fence for Building #705 in the El Portal Administrative Area, Rancheria Housing

**Project Type:** Other Maintenance Activities : Residential improvements

**Project Location:** County, State: Mariposa, CA

**Project Leader:** Schree Yager

### ESA

Any Federal Species in the project Area? No  
If species in area: No Effect  
Was Biological Assessment prepared? No  
If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred? N/A  
Formal Consultation required? No  
Formal Consultation Notes: NA

Formal Consultation Concluded: N/A  
Any State listed Species in the Project Area? No  
Consultation Information: N/A  
General Notes: N/A

**Data Entered By:** Ninette Daniele

**Date:** Apr 26, 2021

### ESA Mitigations:

*No ESA mitigations are associated with this project*

### Floodplains/Wetlands/§404 Permits

Question	Yes/No	Details
A.1. Is project in 100- or 500-year floodplain or flash flood hazard area?	No	Not in floodplain or flash flood hazard area.
A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by NPS/DOI?	No	Not in wetland as defined by NPS/DOI.
B. COE Section 404 permit needed?	No	No placement of fill in waters of the United States.
C. State 401 certification?	No	None
D. State Section 401 Permit?	No	<b>Issue Date:</b> <b>Expiration Date:</b>
E. Tribal Water Quality Permit?	No	None
F. CZM Consistency determination needed?		N/A
G. Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Required?	No	None
H. Any other permits required?	No	<b>Permit Information:</b>
Other Information:	No	None

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### 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
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:	No	None

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### 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:

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