

Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation
Environmental Assessment

Yosemite National Park

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ABSTRACT

Since its construction in 1935, Badger Pass Ski Lodge has supported winter recreation at the Badger Pass Ski Area, a site that is historically significant as one California's earliest developed downhill ski areas. The building continues to function as a ski lodge during the winter months, and also serves as a summer base camp for the National Park Service-administered Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. Over time, a combination of environmental stress, heavy use, and inadequate drainage has led to the deterioration of the building's structural integrity. In addition, the building does not fully meet current building code standards. This rehabilitation project would repair and stabilize deteriorated structural and exterior elements to prevent further damage, and contribute to rehabilitation of the ski lodge and associated support facilities.

This document analyzes four alternatives that the National Park Service is considering for public review and comment, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Alternative 1-the No Action Alternative, represents continuing the existing operation and maintenance of the Badger Pass Ski Lodge. The three action alternatives: Alternative 2-Essential Repairs and Upgrades; Alternative 3 (Preferred)-Rehabilitation and Improvements; and Alternative 4-Emphasize Historic Character, represent a reasonable range of options to satisfy the purpose of and need for the project, while also meeting all relevant legal requirements.

The National Park Service initiated public scoping for this project in January 2009. Following the release of this environmental assessment, there will be a 30-day public comment period. Park staff will be available to answer questions and written comments will be accepted at the monthly parkwide public open house scheduled during the comment period.

Please refer to the project website for the comment review period and open house dates, and to submit comments electronically: <http://www.parkplanning.gov/yose> (click on the 'Open for Comment' link and select 'Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment').

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