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Memorandum

To: Jim Vandenberg, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Acting Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2009-072 Huff House Roof Replacement (26242)

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 NHPA 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:

- No mitigations identified.

//Dennis Shram// (acting)
David V. Uberuaga

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: **2009-072 Huff House Roof Replacement**

PEPC ID: **26242**

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to replace the roof on the Huff House, which is occupied as concessioner employee housing. The roof has deteriorated and has begun to leak. During the winter of 2008-2009, a tarp was placed over the eastern section of the roof.

Huff House is a historic structure located in the Camp Curry Historic District. Definitive information about the original roofing material is unknown; however, the age and style of the facility indicate that the likely material was wood shakes. The existing roof on Huff House is constructed of composite asphalt shingles. Delaware North Parks and Resorts at Yosemite, Inc. (DNC), proposes to replace the existing composite asphalt shingles with fire-rated cedar shakes, similar to those used on other historic building roof replacement projects. Additionally, structural repairs will be made, if necessary (replace fascia and beam caps, etc.).

Scope of Work: The general scope of work includes the following:

- Remove existing asphalt shingle roofing.
- Inspect and repair roof sheathing, fascias, and beam caps, as necessary.
- Replace asphalt shingles with new fire-rated cedar shakes.
- Remove existing gutters and replace in-kind, as needed.
- Remove electrical lines that are attached to the fascia and reattach appropriately to accommodate the new roof.

The Huff House roof will require the following:

- Remove all existing roof coverings to wood sheathing.
- Remove all roof-edge metals.
- Retain wall reglets for reuse unless rusted through.
- Repair or replace rotted lumber at overhangs and porches.
- Trim overhang sheathing so flush with fascia.
- Inspect wood skip sheathing for hidden damage, and repair as necessary.
- Install new flashing at pipes.
- Install new 4"x 4" drip edge.
- Install roofing per manufacturer's specifications to ensure warranty.
- Reinstall wall reglets.
- Paint all flashings and reglets, as needed, in consultation with the park historical architect (Huff House is painted the dark grey similar to many other concessioner operated facilities. DNC proposes to paint all flashing and reglets to match the existing color).

This project will not require a design phase, as structural components will not be replaced.

Background: An alternative was considered for this project. DNC originally proposed a replacement-in-kind option for the roof, as composite asphalt shingles currently exist on Huff House. Upon consultation with the park Historical Architect, the recommended replacement roofing material is fire-rated cedar shakes; therefore, the replacement of the roof with composite shingles is no longer being considered.

Project Goals: Protect the historic Huff House roof and interior from damage caused by leaking. Replace the existing Huff House roof with a historically accurate roof.

Special Considerations: All proposed materials and the scope of the project will be reviewed by the park Historic Architect and the Historic Preservation Officer. Historic photographic documentation of this project will take place.

Operational Concerns: Work will be scheduled to minimize impact on employees and will be subject to weather constraints.

Project Locations:
Mariposa County, CA

Mitigations:

- **No mitigations identified.**

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.4 Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities and grounds under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or Cyclic Maintenance Guide; or if the action would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

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.

Park Acting Superintendent //Dennis Shram// (acting)

Date 10/26/09

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Yosemite NP
Date: 10/05/2009

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: 10/02/2009

Updated May 2007 - per 2004 DM revisions and proposed DO-12 changes

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: **Yosemite NP**
Project Title: **2009-072 Huff House Roof Replacement**
PEPC Project Number: **26242**
Project Type: **Capital Improvement (CI)**
Project Location: County, State: **Mariposa, California** District: **Yosemite Valley**
Project Leader: **Jim Vandenberg**

Preliminary drawings attached? **Yes**

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

B. RESOURCE EFFECTS TO CONSIDER:

Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	No Effect	Negligible Effects	Minor Effects	Exceeds Minor Effects	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Geologic resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.	No				
2. From geohazards	No				
3. Air quality		Negligible			Re-roofing will produce some air emissions.
4. Soundscapes		Negligible			This roofing project includes temporary construction noises.
5. Water quality or quantity	No				
6. Streamflow characteristics	No				
7. Marine or estuarine resources	No				
8. Floodplains or wetlands	No				
9. Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use	No				
10. Rare or unusual vegetation	No				

– old growth timber, riparian, alpine					
11. Species of special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat	No				
12. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites	No				Yosemite National Park is a World Heritage site; no historic properties would be adversely affected by implementing this project.
13. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat	No				
14. Unique or important fish or fish habitat	No				
15. Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)	No				
16. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.	No				
17. Visitor experience, aesthetic resources	No				
18. Archeological resources	No				
19. Prehistoric/historic structure		Negligible			Camp Curry Huff House.
20. Cultural landscapes		Negligible			Yosemite Valley Historic District; Camp Curry Historic Site.
21. Ethnographic resources	No				
22. Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)	No				
23. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	No				
24. Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.	No				
25. Energy resources	No				
26. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	No				
27. Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability	No				
28. Urban quality, gateway	No				

communities, etc.					
29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity	No				Maintaining roofing protects the historic building and meets the park's long-term management of resource goals.
30. Other important environment resources (e.g. geothermal, paleontological resources)?	No				

C. MANDATORY CRITERIA

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

I. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		N		
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		N		
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)?		N		
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)?		N		

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.

D. OTHER INFORMATION

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

Did personnel conduct a site visit? **Yes, the park Historic Architect.**

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**

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

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**

E. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES

<u>Interdisciplinary Team</u>	<u>Field of Expertise</u>
David V. Ueberuaga	Acting Superintendent
Katariina Tuovinen	Acting Deputy Superintendent
Kristina Rylands	Acting Chief of Planning
Mark Butler	Chief of Project Management
Katariina Tuovinen	Chief of Administration Management
Paul Laymon	Acting Chief of Facilities Management
Niki Nicholas	Chief of Resources Management & Science
Marty Nielson	Chief of Business and Revenue Management

Tom Medema Steve Shackelton Jim Vandenberg Elexis Mayer Jeannette Simons Renea Kennec	Acting Chief of Interpretation and Education Chief Ranger Project Leader Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager NHPA Specialist NEPA Specialist
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F. 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:

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>//Renea Kennec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennec	<u>10/5/09</u>
<u>//Elexis Mayer//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Elexis Mayer	<u>10/19/09</u>
<u>//Mark A. Butler//</u> Chief, Project Management – Mark Butler	<u>10/21/09</u>

Approved:

Acting Superintendent	Date
<u>//Dennis Shram// (Acting)</u> David V. Uberuaga	<u>10/26/09</u>

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PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: **October 5, 2009**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite NP

Project Number: 26242

Project Type: Capital Improvement (CI)

Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California District, Section: Yosemite Valley,

Project Manager: Jim Vandenberg

Project Title: 2009-072 Huff House Roof Replacement

PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ESF Addendum Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST				
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				
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 roofing materials will be replaced with cedar shakes, which were recommended by the park Historic Architect.
10. Has a National Register form been completed?	X			Listed in register and documented.
11. Are there any structures on the park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?	X			List of Classified Structures #55924.
12.WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST				
13. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor?	X			Merced River.
14. Fall within the bed and banks AND will affect the free-flow of the river? >>If Yes, WSRA Section 7 determination required<<		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				
101. Within designated Wilderness?		X		
102. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		X		



Photo #1 – Huff House roof from the north. Brown tarp covering eastern side of roof.



Photo #2 – View from the north.



Photo #3 – Historic Huff House

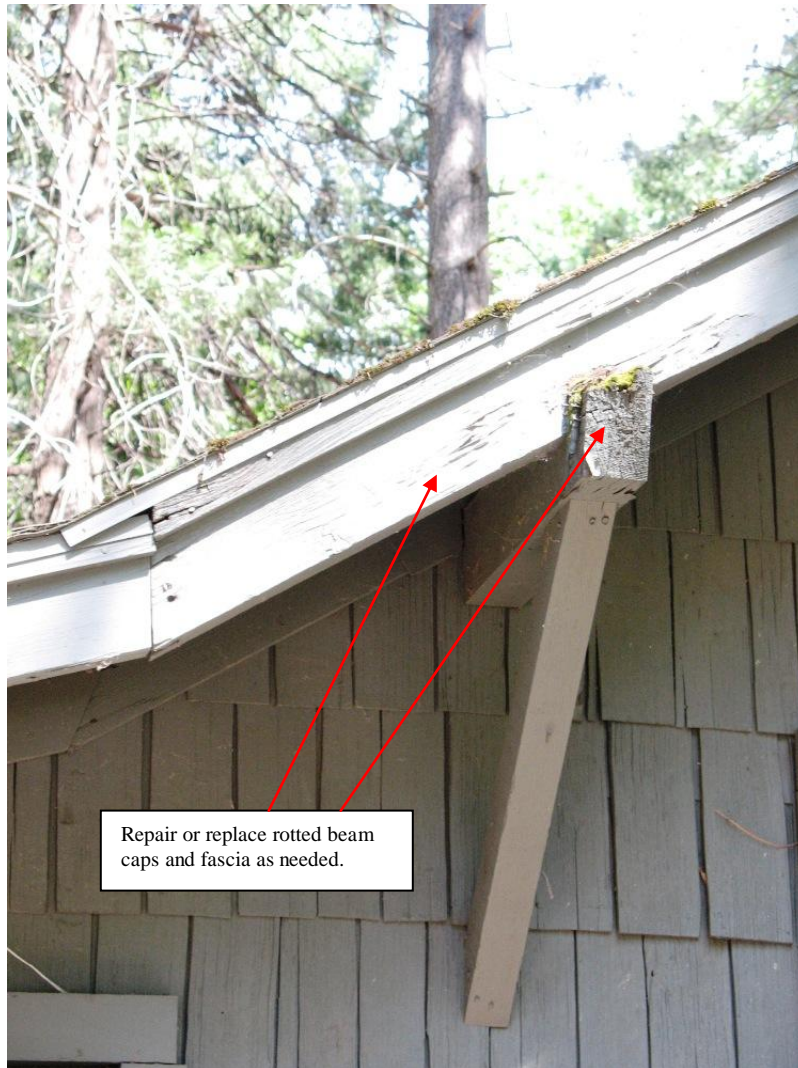


Photo #4 – Western fascia and beam.



Photo #5 – View from the south.



Photo #6 – View from the south.



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. Park: **Yosemite NP** Park District: **Yosemite Valley**

2. Project Description:

a. Project Name: 2009-072 Huff House Roof Replacement

b. Date: October 2, 2009

c. PEPC Project ID Number: 26242

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

 No

X Yes, Source or reference: **Camp Curry Historic District; Camp Curry Huff House; Yosemite Valley Historic District.**

 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 Resources:

Historical structures/resources affected?

Name and number(s): **Camp Curry Huff House LCS 55924**

NR status: **1 - Listed in Register and documented**

Cultural landscapes affected?

Name and number(s): **Yosemite Valley Historic District**

NR status: **1 - Listed in Register and documented**

Name and number(s): **Camp Curry Historic Site**

NR status: **1 - Listed in Register and documented**

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)

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

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.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

7. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

8. Attachments:

☐ Maps ☐ Archeological survey, if applicable ☐ Drawings ☐ Specifications ☐ Photographs
☐ Scope of Work ☐ Site plan ☐ List of Materials ☐ Samples ☐ Other:

Prepared by: **Renea Kennec** Date: **October 2, 2009** Title: **Environmental Protection Specialist**
Telephone: **209-379-1038**

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:

☒ Archeologist
Name: **Laura Kirn**
Date: **08/17/2009**
Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☒

Assessment of Effect: **X** No Historic Properties Affected No Adverse Effect Adverse Effect Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: **No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]**

☒ Historical Architect

Name: **Sueann Brown**

Date: **07/29/2009**

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☒ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: **Park Specific Programmatic Agreement**

☒ Historical Landscape Architect

Name: **David Humphrey**

Date: **07/17/2009**

Comments:

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☒ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: **Park Specific Programmatic Agreement**

No Reviews From: **Curator, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist**

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☒ 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. 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. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 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. No Potential to Cause Effects [800.3(a)(1)]

☐ G. 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.

Recommended by Park Section 106 coordinator:

Signature of Historic Preservation Officer _____

Date: _____

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 Acting Superintendent _____

Date: _____