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Yosemite National Park
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Memorandum

To: Bill Rust, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2010-035 Wawona Hotel, Redecorate Main Building Lobby, Petite Lounge, and Petite Dining Room (30483)

The Leadership Team has reviewed the proposed project actions and completed its environmental assessment documentation, and we have determined that there:

- Will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species 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 proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved, and construction or project implementation can commence.

For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- No mitigations identified.

//Charles Cuvelier// (acting)

Don L. Neubacher

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

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National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Yosemite National Park
Date: 6/02/2010

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: 2010-035 Wawona Hotel, Redecorate Main Building Lobby, Petite Lounge, and Petite Dining Room

PEPC Project Number: 30483

Project Description: This project would reupholster or replace worn and historically inconsistent furniture in the Wawona Hotel. The furnishings in the lobby, petite lounge (small lounge with piano), and the petite dining room (transitional room between the lobby and the dining room) would be redecorated to match the design features shown in historic photographs of the Wawona Hotel. The proposal would replace the furniture with high quality wicker furnishings that would match the historic design features of the major remodel done by the Washburn Family between 1914 and 1921. Reserved property would not be affected. Historic furnishings would not be removed.

The design scheme has been presented to the Concessions Management Branch, as an operations proposal, and to the History Architecture and Landscapes Branch.

Project Location:

Mariposa, California

Mitigation(s):

- 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.8 Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity or appearance.

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 or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Park Superintendent //Charles Cuvelier// (acting)

Date 6/16/10

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

DO-12 APPENDIX 1

Date Form Initiated: June 2, 2010

Updated May 2007 - per 2004 Departmental Manual revisions and proposed Director's Order 12 changes

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name: Yosemite National Park
Project Title: 2010-035 Wawona Hotel, Redecorate Main Building Lobby, Petite Lounge, and Petite Dining Room (30483)
PEPC Project Number: 30483
Project Type: Historic hotel public room interior redecoration (Other)
Project Location: **County, State:** Mariposa, California
Project Leader: Bill Rust

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 | No | | | | |
| 4. Soundscapes | No | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |

| 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 |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 10. Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine | No | | | | |
| 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. |
| 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 | | | | The visitor experience would be enhanced by period appropriate furnishings. |
| 18. Archeological resources | No | | | | |
| 19. Prehistoric/historic structure | | Negligible | | | Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark. |
| 20. Cultural landscapes | No | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |

| 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 |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 27. Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability | No | | | | |
| 28. Urban quality, gateway communities, etc. | No | | | | |
| 29. Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity | No | | | | |
| 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? | | 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 | | Mitigated; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect." |
| 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 | | |

| Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal: | Yes | No | N/A | Comment or Data Needed to Determine |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|--|
| 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 law, or a 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 (Executive Order 12898)? | | No | | |
| 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)? | | 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 | | |

For the purpose of interpreting these procedures within the National Park Service, 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 Department of Interior 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? No

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> |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Don L. Neubacher | Superintendent |
| Kathleen Morse | Chief of Planning |
| Mark Butler | Chief of Project Management |
| Katariina Tuovinen | Chief of Administration Management |
| Ed Walls | Chief of Facilities Management |
| Niki Nicholas | Chief of Resources Management & Science |
| Marty Nielson | Chief of Business and Revenue Management |
| Tom Medema | Chief of Interpretation and Education |
| Charles Cuvelier | Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection Chief Ranger |
| Bill Rust | Project Leader |
| Elexis Mayer | Environmental Planning and Compliance Program Manager |
| Jeannette Simons | NHPA Specialist |
| Renea Kennecc | NEPA Specialist |

F. SUPERVISORY SIGNATORY

Recommended:

| Compliance Specialists | Date |
|--|----------------|
| <u>//Renea Kennecc//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kennecc | <u>6/8/10</u> |
| <u>//Elexis Mayer//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Elexis Mayer | <u>6/8/10</u> |
| <u>//Mark A. Butler//</u> Chief, Project Management – Mark Butler | <u>6/10/10</u> |

Approved:

| Superintendent | Date |
|--|----------------|
| <u>//Charles Cuvelier// (acting)</u> Don L. Neubacher | <u>6/16/10</u> |

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PARK ESF ADDENDUM

Today's Date: June 2, 2010

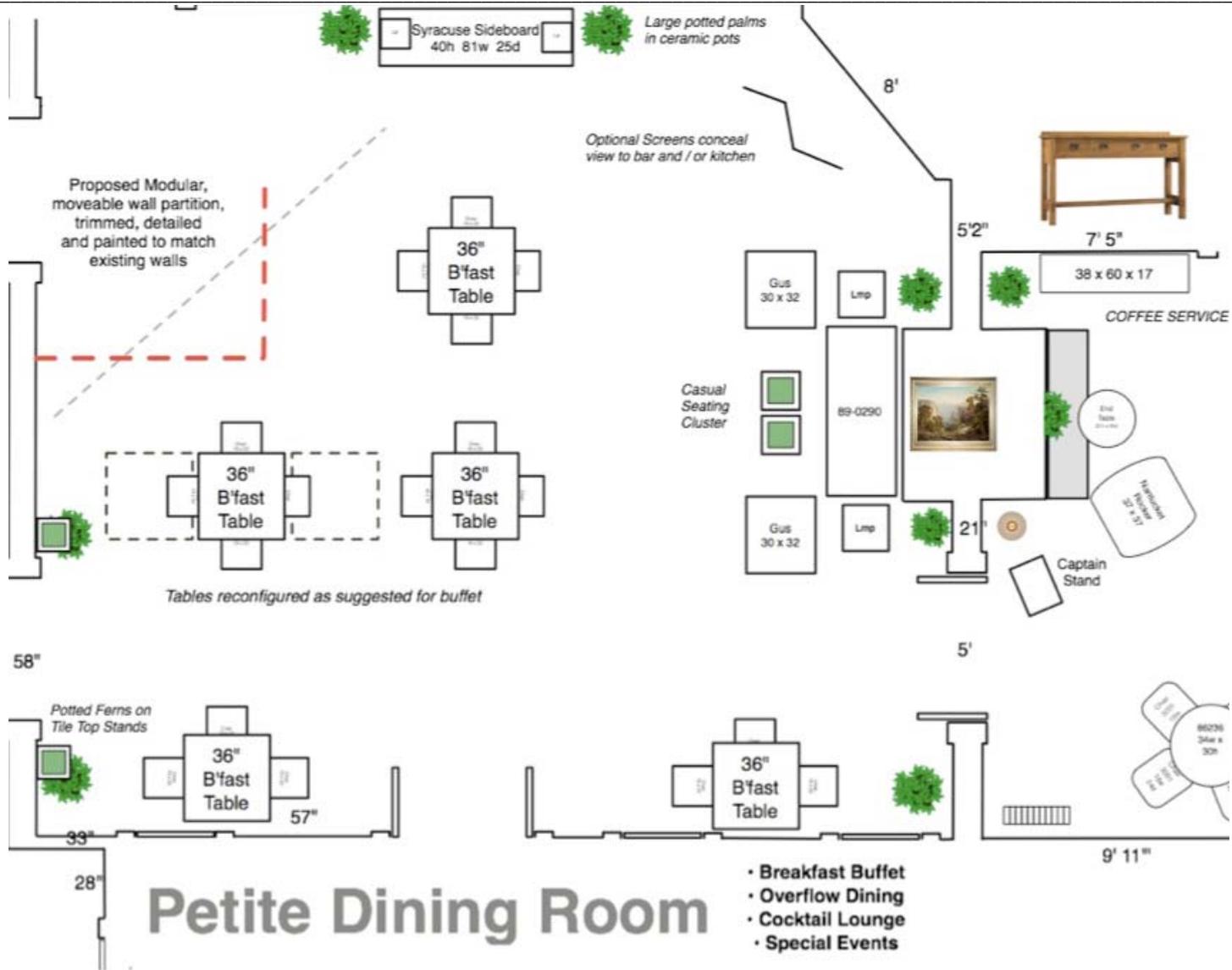
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Project Location: **County, State:** Mariposa, California
Project Leader: Bill Rust

PARK ESF ADDENDUM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| ESF Addendum Questions | Yes | No | N/A | Data Needed to Determine/Notes |
|---|-----|----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST | | | | |
| 1. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)? | | No | | |
| 2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)? | | No | | |
| 3. Park rare plants or vegetation? | | No | | |
| 4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above? | | No | | |
| NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST | | | | |
| 5. Entail ground disturbance? | | No | | |
| 6. Are any archeological or ethnographic sites located within the area of potential effect? | | No | | |
| 7. Entail alteration of a historic structure or cultural landscape? | | No | | |
| 8. Has a National Register form been completed? | Yes | | | National Historic Landmark #75000223. |
| 9. Are there any structures on the | Yes | | | List of Classified Structures #7158. |

| ESF Addendum Questions | Yes | No | N/A | Data Needed to Determine/Notes |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| park's List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect? | | | | |
| WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST | | | | |
| 10. Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? (Name the river corridor) | Yes | | | Merced River. |
| 11. Fall within the bed and banks AND will affect the free-flow of the river? | | No | | |
| 12. Have the possibility of affecting water quality of the area? | | No | | |
| 13. Remain consistent with its river segment classification? | Yes | | | |
| 14. Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River? | | No | | |
| 15. Will the project encroach or intrude upon the Wild and Scenic River corridor? | | No | | |
| 16. Will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values? | | No | | |
| 17. Consistent with the provisions in the Merced River Plan Settlement Agreement? | Yes | | | |
| WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST | | | | |
| 18. Within designated Wilderness? | | No | | |
| 19. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition? | | No | | |





From Historic Structure Report - Wawona Hotel, Anthony Crosby & Nick Scattish; NPS Denver Svc. Cntr. These images represent the little dining room before the 1914-1921 remodelings. Note the square leg tables, Thonet chairs, hardwood side stands, Watkins photos on the walls.



Square leg 36" oak table w/2 leaves



Variations on Thonet chairs - plain, upholstered, leather with nail head trim



Wicker table lamp





ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park **Park district:** Wawona

2. Project Description:

- a. Project Name:** 2010-035 Wawona Hotel, Redecorate Main Building
Lobby, Petite Lounge, and Petite Dining Room (30483)
- b. Date:** June 2, 2010
- c. PEPC Project ID Number:** 30483

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

No

Yes, Source or reference: Wawona Hotel National Historic Landmark

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 Resource(s):

Historical structures/resources affected?

Name and number: Wawona Hotel National Historic

R status: 1 - Listed in Register and documented

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

Yes Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

Yes Replace historic features/elements in kind

Yes 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.)

Prepared by: Renea Kennec **Date:** June 2, 2010

Title: Environmental Planning 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: 3/30/2010

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

Historical Architect

Name: Sueann Brown

Date: 5/14/2010

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: 6/02/2010

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 ___**X**___ 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.)

1) Preservation Maintenance and Repair of Historic Properties

Explanation: ___

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 //Jeannette Simons//

Date: 6/8/10

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 Superintendent //Charles Cuvelier// (acting)

Date: 6/16/10

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