

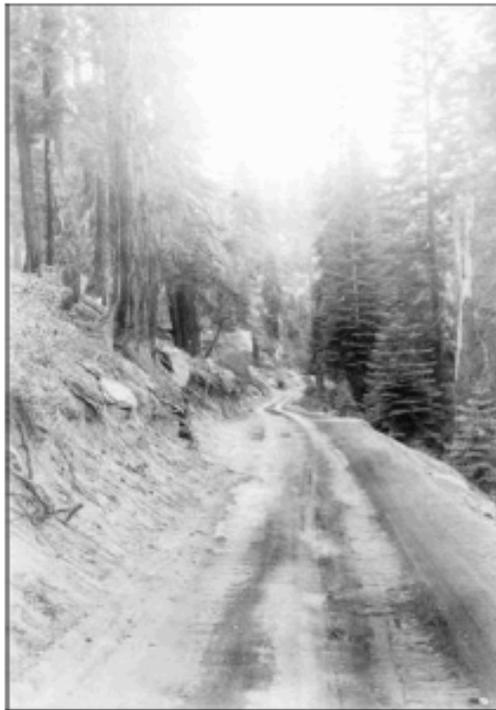


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**YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR UNDERTAKINGS REVIEWED FOR
SECTION 106 OF THE
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT**

Under The
Service Wide 1995 Programmatic Agreement
Among The National Park Service (U.S. Dept. Of The Interior),
The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation, And
The National Conference Of State Historic
Preservation Officers
And The
Yosemite National Park 1999 Programmatic Agreement
Among The National Park Service At Yosemite,
The California State Historic Preservation Officer,
And The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation
Regarding Planning, Design, Construction, Operations And Maintenance,
Yosemite National Park, California

2007



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Introduction

This annual report documents the park's efforts to consider and protect historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), pursuant to the 1999 *Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service at Yosemite, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Planning, Design, Construction, Operations and Maintenance, Yosemite National Park, California* (1999 PA), and the *Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service (U.S. Dept. of the Interior), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers*, executed in 1995 (1995 PA).

Cultural Resource Planning and Compliance Program

Yosemite National Park coordinates planning, construction, operations, and maintenance project review in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, as provided for in Stipulation VI of both the 1995 and 1999 PAs and 36 CFR Part 800.8 of the Section 106 implementing regulations. The report is organized according to NEPA documentation (Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement) that accompanies the park's Preservation Assessment Form (XXX) records that guide and document project review in accordance with the 1995 and 1999 PAs.

Yosemite National Park is fully integrated into the National Park Service Planning Environment Public Comment (PEPC) program. In addition, NEPA documents and appropriate NHPA attachments (with sensitive information withheld) are posted on our website at regular intervals.

Yosemite Archeology Office has a Trails Program, Fire Management Program, and a Wilderness Restoration Program to protect archeological properties in accordance with Section 106, pursuant to the 1999 PA. Management summaries of the *2007 Fire Archeology Program*, the *2007 Backcountry Trails Accomplishment Report*, and the *2007 Wilderness Restoration Accomplishment Report* are included as part of this annual report to provide an outline of these efforts.

The Yosemite cultural resource professional staff has grown this year. These professionals review proposed undertakings in consideration of their effect on historic properties and provide recommended treatment to ensure resource protection. The 2007 park staff included:

Mr. Dave Humphrey, Branch Chief, History, Architecture and Landscapes
Ms. Sueann Brown, Historical Architect
Mr. Daniel Schaible, Historical Cultural Landscape Architect
Ms. Marti Gerdes, Historical Cultural Landscape Architect
Mr. Charles Palmer, Historian
Ms. Laura Kirn, Branch Chief, Anthropology and Archeology
Ms. Suzanna Montague, Supervisory Archeologist
Mr. Scott R. Jackson, Archeologist (Trails Program)
Mr. Jun Kinoshita, Archeologist (Fire Program)
Mr. Rod Kennec, Historic Preservation Specialist
Ms. Barbara Beroza, Curator of Collections
Mr. Jonathan Bayless, Museum Curator
Mr. Paul Rogers, Archivist
Ms. Jeannette Simons, Historic Preservation Officer/Native American Liaison
(Anthropologist/Archeologist)

In addition, the Pacific West Regional Offices in Seattle, Washington and Oakland, California, provided professional support that in 2007 included:

Ms. Cathy Gilbert, Historical Landscape Architect
Mr. Kimball Koch, Historical Landscape Architect
Mr. David Louter, Historian
Ms. Laurin Huffman, Historical Architect
Ms. Erica Owens, Historical Architect
Ms. Kirstin Haertel, Archeologist
Dr. Fred York, Anthropologist.

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) annual 2-day visit to Yosemite occurred on May 21-22, 2007. The Park Superintendent provided a forecast for park management. Each Division Chief gave a summary of their programs and projects concerning cultural resource protection and preservation. Branch Chiefs gave an overview of their annual cultural resource workplans. The park historian and curator provided a guided tour of the Museum and Village. Field visits were made to the Old El Portal Railroad Turntable currently undergoing rehabilitation and the Old El Portal Covered Storage where old rail handcars and other large artifacts are stored. We visited El Portal Road and the location of the emergency repair project along the length commonly known as "The Narrows", looking at some of the existing formliner along the road. Both the SHPO and the Deputy SHPO provided suggestions concerning the proposed use of formliner on the emergency project. We went to South Fork Bridge and looked at the formliner that was used for that recent bridge replacement. We drove up Glacier Point Road to Badger Pass and discussed the road rehabilitation project, the draft cultural landscape inventory, and the national significance of Badger Pass ski area.

The Wawona Covered Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on January 11, 2007. Documentation for three Historic Districts was submitted to SHPO for consensus determination of eligibility: The Tuolumne Meadows Historic District, The Tuolumne Meadows Soda Springs Historic District, and The Glacier Point Road Historic District. SHPO concurred in October 2007. The National Register of Historic Places review staff submitted comments for the

Multiple Properties Documentation Form and the nominations of 20 properties. Revisions by park staff are underway and will require additional funding. It is unknown when funding may become available.

Status of Active Memoranda of Agreement

Yosemite has one active memorandum of agreement, the *Memorandum Of Agreement Among the National Park Service, California State Historic Preservation Officer, and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Demolition, Relocation, and Rehabilitation of All Components of the Merced River Hydroelectric Generating System*, executed in 1986 (1986 MOA).

The remaining obligation is submittal of the revised National Register form to the CA SHPO, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Keeper of the National Register, as provided in Stipulation 7 of the 1986 MOA. A revised National Register Form was submitted to CA SHPO in February 2007 for review and returned to the park in April 2007, with suggested revisions. Revisions are on hold awaiting funds to support the effort to integrate the required revisions.

American Indian Consultation

Yosemite National Park conducts American Indian consultation in accordance with NHPA Section 106 implementing regulations CFR 36 Part 800, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the American Indian Freedom of Religion Act. Consultations occur regularly throughout the year, and in July 2007, the park hosted the 5th Annual All-Tribes consultation, held this year at Tuolumne Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows. The meeting was attended by representatives from six of the seven tribes claiming association with park lands: The American Indian Council of Mariposa County (aka Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation), Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, Mono Lake Katzudika^a Paiute Tribe, Bridgeport Paiute Indian Colony, Bishop Paiute Tribal Council, and Chukchansi Tribal Government. The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians was unable to send a representative this year. In September 2007, the 3rd Annual Eastern Sierra Paiute Tribes consultation was held at the Mono Lake Indian Community Hall in Lee Vining. Representatives from the Mono Lake Katzudika^a Paiute Tribe, Bridgeport Paiute Indian Colony, and Bishop Paiute Tribal Council attended.

Tribal representatives have been invited to workshops and field inspections for specific projects, such as the Museum Master Plan, and to workshops to identify Outstandingly Remarkable Values and develop alternatives for the *Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan/Tuolumne Meadows Plan Environmental Impact Statement*, the *New Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement*, and the *New Merced River Plan*.

In addition, the park has an agreement with the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians, the Chukchansi Tribal Government, and the American Indian Council of Mariposa County to conduct a study of traditional use in the Henness Ridge area of Yosemite National Park. The park and Yosemite Institute are considering Henness Ridge as a possible site for the proposed Environmental Education Campus. The principal investigator for the project is a representative

of the North Fork Rancheria, and representatives from the other two tribes will provide technical support.

A new Fee-Waiver Pass program, initiated at the end of 2005, will be in full operation by the end of the 2007 calendar year. Each tribe has been issued the requested number of passes to provide their citizens access to the park for traditional cultural activities. Stickers from the discontinued car-sticker program will expire on December 31, 2007.

Report Distribution

In accordance with Stipulation XVIII of the 1999 PA, copies of this report are being sent concurrently to all signatories and parties invited to concur on the 1999 PA. A copy of the report will be placed in the Yosemite Research Library for public inspection, and on the Yosemite National Park home page at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/>, with notice of its availability at the Library, in accordance with Stipulation VI.

2007 NHPA Section 106 Review with NEPA Categorical Exclusion

Park CT#	PEPC #	Project Title	Place	1995 PA IVB	1999 PA	No Effect	No Adverse Effect	Adverse Effect	NHPA/XXX Comments
2007-001	17134	South Entrance Interim Traffic Safety Improvements	South Entrance		X		X		Temporary safety measure not to exceed 2 years
2007-002		South Entrance Residential Duplex Driveway Repaving	South Entrance						On Hold
2007-003		Foresta Crane Creek Bridge Replacement	Foresta				X		In Prep
2007-004	17019	Crane Flat Yosemite Institute Campus Septic System Repair	Crane Flat		X		X		Flag and protect
2007-005	17009	El Portal Golden State Cellular New Cellular Site Installation	El Portal						On Hold
2007-006	17069	Crane Flat TelNPS Satellite Dish Installation	Crane Flat		X		X		Minimize visual impact by painting and placement
2007-008	17040	Foresta Crane Creek Bridge Geotech Borings	Foresta		X		X		Native American participation
2007-009	17246	Parkwide Forestry Work Plan	Parkwide		X		X		Coordination with cultural resource specialists integrated into plan

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2007-010	17113	Yosemite Valley, El Portal and Wawona Roofing Replacement	Yosemite Valley, El Portal and Wawona	9			X		Consult park historical architect to identify historical building and make recommendations for treatment
2007-012	17162	El Portal Road Narrows (Segment D) Gage Installation	El Portal		X		X		Temporary
2007-013	17354	Meyer Ranch House Electrical Upgrade and Porch Restoration	Foresta	9			X		
2007-015	17192	Ahwahnee Hotel Cottage Guest Bathroom Remodel	Yosemite Valley		X				Coordination with park historical architect; cottages not contributing elements to NHL.
2007-016	17234	Wawona Moore Cottage Roof Interim Winterization	Wawona	9			X		Protective measure while obtaining appropriate roofing materials per consultation w/SHPO
2007-017	17245	Glacier Point Bridalveil Creek Bridge Rail Replacement	Glacier Point	9			X		Replace in-kind w/ native materials

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2007-018	17285	Yosemite Valley Campground Office Impound Locker Relocation	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Visual impact minimized w/ fencing and implementation of lighting guidelines
2007-019	17259	Ahwahnee Hotel Grounds Defective Oak Tree Removal and Replacement	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Acorns and cuttings collected for replacement in case tree does not sprout from stump
2007-021	17324	El Portal NPS Warehouse Sidewalk to Fitness Center	El Portal		X	X			
2007-022	17371	South Entrance Park Boundary Marker Stabilization	Wawona	9	X				In-house preservation shop
2007-024	17426	Crane Flat Heli-Rappel Simulator Installation	Crane Flat		X		X		Placement and color to minimize visual impact
2007-025	17427	Crane Flat Service Station Restrooms ADA Standard Upgrade	Crane Flat		X	X			
2007-026	17428	Crane Flat Service Station Fuel Dispensers Environmental Regulation Upgrade	Crane Flat		X	X			
2007-029	17505	White Wolf Land Assignment Area Restoration	White Wolf		X		X		

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2007-030	17512	Ahwahnee Hotel, Correct Fire Safety Deficiencies - DNC Phase II (smoke alarm system and correct fire sprinkler system deficiencies on the north mezzanine, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth floors)	Yosemite Valley						Project on hold due to funding; SHPO consultation on-going.
2007-031	17539	El Portal Turntable Restoration	El Portal	9	X				In-house preservation shop
2007-032	17557	Wawona Tunnel Ventilation System Repairs	Yosemite Valley	3		X			
2007-033	17552	Yosemite Valley Photography and Art Business Concession Contract Issuance	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Protective clauses in special conditions
2007-035	17689	El Portal Grocery/Convenience Store Concession Contract Issuance	El Portal		X		X		Protective clauses in special conditions
2007-037	17801	Yosemite Valley Building #576 Boiler Area Roofing and Security Fence Repair	Yosemite Valley		X	X			
2007-038	17824	Wawona Yosemite Association Residence (2618 W Bruce Rd) Renovation	Wawona	9			X		

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2007-039		Yosemite Lodge Food Court Restrooms Expansion to Meet ADA Standards	Yosemite Valley						In Prep
2007-040	17901	Ahwahnee Row House #H114 Refurbishing	Yosemite Valley		X	X			Non-historical structure in historical district; modifications are interior.
2007-041	17913	Yosemite Village Museum Scope-of-YVP Compliance Determination	Yosemite Valley						In Prep
2007-042	18063	Wawona Water Treatment Facility Hazardous Chlorine Gas System Replacement	Wawona		X	X			
2007-043	18065	Wawona WasteWater Treatment Facility Hazardous Chlorine Gas System Replacement	Wawona		X	X			
2007-044	17937	Henness Ridge Yosemite Institute Assimilative Soil Analysis and Archeological Testing	Chinquapin		X	X			
2007-045	18038	Yosemite Village - Replace Tecoya Dorm Boiler #2 (CIF 4701)	Yosemite Valley		X	X			
2007-046	18018	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Roof Replacement	Yosemite Valley		X	X			

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2007-047	18009	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Kiosk Installation	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Kiosk will follow Yosemite Valley Design Guidelines to ensure compatibility with character of historic district
2007-048	18135	Incidental Business Permits Commercial Use Authorization for Stock Use - 2007	Backcountry		X		X		Protective clauses in special conditions
2007-049	18180	Tuolumne Grove Restoration and Fence Installation	Crane Flat		X	X			
2007-050	18176	Poopenaut Valley Studying Hydrologic Impact from O'Shaughnessy Dam	Hetch Hetchy	3			X		
2007-051	18178	El Portal Road Geotechnical Borings	Merced River Canyon		X	X			
2007-052	18404	Tenaya Lake West Shore Murphy Creek Picnic Area Restoration	Tenaya Lake		X		X		Possible feature in not yet inventoried/evaluat ed Tioga Road Historic District
2007-053	18214	Wawona Sierra Nevada Research Institute Field Station Generator Installation	Wawona		X		X		Placed to minimize visual impact

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2007-054	17911	Abbeville Structure Demolition and Modular Installation (3052 Abbie Road)	El Portal		X		X		Will coordinate color and style with park historical architect
2007-056		Housekeeping Camp Shower House Floor and Partition Upgrade	Yosemite Valley						In Prep
2007-057	18183	Foresta Big Meadow Fence Historic Restoration	Foresta	9			X		In-kind
2007-060	18414	Glacier Point Geology Hut Exhibit Update	Glacier Point	12			X		
2007-061	18324	El Portal Residence #705 National Lead Company Stabilization	El Portal	9	X		X		In house + historic preservation training led by RMS, Park Historical Architect
2007-062	18421	Mono Pass Trail /Golden Crown Mine Wayside Exhibit	Tuolumne Meadows	12			X		
2007-063	18824	Yosemite Creek Project Stairs and Balconies	Yosemite Valley	9			X		In-kind
2007-064	18491	Long-term Vital Sign Meadow Monitoring	Parkwide	12			X		
2007-066	18691	El Portal Wastewater Treatment Facility Reclaimed Tank Installation	El Portal		X	X			

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2007-067	15419	Crane Flat Dining Hall Egress	Crane Flat		X		X		
2007-068	18751	Foresta Meyer Barn Wayside Exhibit	Foresta	12			X		
2007-069	18790	Wawona, Turtleback Dome and Hetch Hetchy Installation of Global Positioning System for Geologic Monitoring	Parkwide	3			X		
2007-070	19166	Mount Hoffman Route Delineation	Tuolumne Meadows		X		X		
2007-071	18752	Yosemite Valley Fern Spring Wayside Exhibit	Yosemite Valley	12			X		Status?
2007-072	18912	El Portal Yosemite Institute Residence 5627 Foresta Road Demolition and Rebuild	El Portal						In Prep
2007-073	18932	Yosemite Lodge, Replace Covered Walkway Roofs	Yosemite Valley		X		X		
2007-076	19008	Hodgdon Meadow Entrance Complex Generator Installation	Hodgdon Meadow		X		X		
2007-077	18987	El Portal Yosemite Institute Residence 5564 Foresta Road Remodel	El Portal		X		X		
2007-078	19076	Ahwahnee Hotel, Replace Steam Line to Dorm	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Archeological office support

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2007-079	19072	Yosemite Valley Visitor Transportation, El Capitan Shuttle	Yosemite Valley		X		X		
2007-080	19098	Tuolumne Meadows Water Treatment Facility Requirement Upgrade	Tuolumne Meadows		X	X			
2007-081		Wawona Community Center Special Use Permit	Wawona						In Prep
2007-082	19152	Parkwide Annual Roof Replacement (Moore and Little White Cottages)	Wawona	9	X		X		Materials per consultation w/ SHPO
2007-084	19131	East Valley Campground Accessibility Improvements	Parkwide		X		X		
2007-085	19154	Yosemite and Wawona Day-Use Area Accessibility Improvements	Parkwide		X		X		Designed to avoid impact to cultural resources
2007-086	19193	Yosemite Village, Paint Exterior Houses and Fences (Nob Hill and Ahwahnee)	Yosemite Valley	9			X		Specifications developed in consultation with park historical architect
2007-087	19194	Wawona Hotel Complex Exterior Painting	Wawona	9			X		Existing SHPO concurrence
2007-089	19132	Bridalveil Creek Campground Road Resurfacing	Glacier Point Road	7			X		Status?

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2007-091	19323	El Portal Canapary Residence Addition	El Portal		X		X		Archeological monitoring
2007-092	19416	Wawona School New Play Structure Installation	Wawona		X		X		
2007-094	19423	Curry Village Temporary Registration Trailer Installation	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Temporary during rehab of village buildings. Placed to minimize visual impact
2007-095	19424	Yosemite Valley Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvements	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Archeological monitoring; Native American participation
2007-096	19546	Tuolumne Meadows Search and Rescue Cach Improvement	Tuolumne Meadows						In Prep
2007-097	19597	Wawona, Install USGS River Gage at Wawona on the South Fork Merced River	Wawona	3			X		Coordinate placement with park landscape architect and archeologist to avoid cultural resources
2007-098	19407	Wawona, Install Low Flow River Gage at Wawona Water Supply Intake	Wawona	3			X		

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2007-100	19688	Yosemite Valley Ahwahnee Hotel Rockfall Monitoring Camera Installation	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Placement coordinated with park historical architect to avoid visual impact. No impact to fabric.
2007-101	19651	Tioga Road Trailhead Improvements	Tuolumne						In Prep
2007-103	19678	Parkwide Campground Site Marker Replacement	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Design and placement coordinated with historical architect to avoid impact to historical district
2007-105	19766	Yosemite Village Yosemite Association Kiosk Replacement	Yosemite Valley						In Prep
2007-106	19773	Yosemite Village Yosemite Association Bookshed Installation	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Placement will be avoid impact to historical district
2007-107	19778	Badger Pass Upper Deck Repair	Badger Pass		X		X		Non-historical structure

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2007-108	19653	Wawona Tunnel Safety Upgrades	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Placement of equipment will be determined in consultation with park historical architect to minimize impacts to historic structure
2007-111	19382	Tuolumne Meadows Winter Ranger Residence Install Alternative Power Sources	Tuolumne Meadows		X		X		
2007-112	19982	Wawona Fire Emergency Water Supply Tank Installation	Wawona		X		X		Temporary; to be removed when fire danger drops to sustainable level
2007-113	19841	Curry Village Tent Cabin Relocation	Yosemite Valley						In Prep
2007-114	19915	National Trails Surface Study	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Project within existing trail; material will not have visual impact or impact trail integrity
2007-115	19967	Commercial Use Authorization for Commercial Bus Operations	Parkwide		X		X		Protective clause in special conditions

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2007-116	19990	Tuolumne Meadows, Replace Tuolumne Lodge Water Line	Tuolumne Meadows						In Prep
2007-118	20043	Yosemite Facelift 2007	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Archeology Office support at appropriate
2007-121	20233	Foresta Water Tank Installation	Foresta						In Prep
2006-073		Arch Rock Entrance Station Safety Upgrade	El Portal		X		X		Coordinate design with park historical architect to ensure preservation of historic district in accordance with Secretary of Interior's Standards
2006-100	16601	Big Oak Flat Road Chip Seal	El Portal	7			X		
2006-104	17399	South Entrance Station Office Rehabilitation			X		X		In house preservation shop
2006-112	16985	Curry Village Tent Cabin Bear- Proof Food Storage Locker Replacement (y4-4603).	Curry Village		X		X		SHPO Consultation; concurrence; send SHPO photodoc package

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Park CT#	PEPC #	Project Title	Place	1995 PA IVB	1999 PA	No Effect	No Adverse Effect	Adverse Effect	NHPA/XXX Comments
2006-040	14933	Ahwahnee Hotel, Modernize Freight Elevator Mechanical Equipment	Yosemite Valley		X		X		Not a contributing feature to NHL
2006-081	16377	Meyer House Water System Restoration	Foresta						On-hold awaiting resource evaluation
2006-082	16379	DNC Stables, Relocate Recycle Bins (Y4-0608)	Yosemite Valley		X		X		
2006-111	16942	Wawona Maintenance Yard Office Trailer Installation	Wawona		X			X	In Prep
2003-009	19393	Valley Maintenance Building #527 Unsafe Door Replacement	Yosemite Valley		X			X	

2007 NHPA Section 106 Project Review with NEPA Programmatic Categorical Exclusion

Park CT#	PEPC #	Project Title	Place	1995 PA IVB	1999 PA	Begin Date	End Date	Comments
2006-113		Programmatic Parkwide 2007-2012 Non-Historic Structures, Facility, and Utilities Routine Maintenance and Repair	Parkwide		X			In Prep
2006-077		DNC 5-Year CIF Project Program - 2006	Parkwide		X			In prep
2007-007		Programmatic Parkwide 2007-2012 Routine Trail Maintenance and Repair	Parkwide	6	X			In Prep
2007-028	17477	Parkwide 2007-2012 Programmatic Fire Grate Replacement	Parkwide		X			In Prep
2007-055	18131	Parkwide Programmatic Road Maintenance and Repair 2007-2012	Parkwide	7	X			In Prep
2007-120	20127	Parkwide Chain Installation and Sales Commercial Use Authorization	Parkwide		X	10/30/07	10/30/12	Protective clause in special conditions

2007 NHPA Section 106 Project Review with NEPA Environmental Assessment

Park CT#	PEPC #	Project Title	Place	1995 PA IVB	1999 PA	Effect Determination	Comments
2005-027	14040	Glacier Point Road Rehabilitation	Glacier Point Road/Chinquapin Intersection		X	No Adverse Effect	FONSI Signed October 2007
2005-080	17321	Reconstructing Critically Eroded Sections of El Portal Road	West Yosemite Valley		X	Adverse Effect	FONSI signed July 2007; SHPO/ACHP consultation pursuant to Stipulation VIII B (4) of 1999 PA
2004-016	20306	Hetch Hetchy Communications Upgrade Project	Mather		X	No Adverse Effect	FONSI scheduled for signature Dec/Jan
2007-122	18175	Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation	Wawona Road		X	Adverse Effect	FONSI scheduled for signature Dec 2007; notice of intent to implement SMM pursuant to Stipulation VIII of the 1999 PA

2007 NHPA Section 106 Project Review with NEPA Environmental Impact Statement

Park CT#	PEPC #	Project Title	Place	Comments
2005-131	14043	Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan	Tuolumne River Corridor	In Prep; anticipate ROD in 2009; possible MOA
2007-123	18982	Merced Wild and Scenic River Plan	Merced River	In Prep; anticipate ROD in 2009; possible MOA

Yosemite National Park SHPO/ACHP Consultation Pursuant to 1999 PA

Park	PEPC	Project Title	Place	SHPO Response	ACHP Response
N/A	N/A	Tuolumne Meadows Historic District Determination of Eligibility	Tuolumne Meadows	DOE Concurrence September 27,2007	Consultation not required
N/A	N/A	Tuolumne Meadows Historic District Determination of Eligibility	Tuolumne Meadows	DOE Concurrence September 27,2007	Consultation not required
N/A	N/A	Glacier Point Road Historic District	Glacier Point Road	DOE Concurrence September 27,2007	Consultation not required
2007-122	18175	Tunnel View Overlook Rehabilitation	Wawona Road	Notification to resolve adverse effect with SMM Concurrence 11-19 2007	Consultation not required
2005-080	17321	Reconstructing Critically Eroded Sections of El Portal Road	West Yosemite Valley	Notification to resolve adverse effect with SMM Concurrence July 13, 2007	No further participation required July 13,
2006-112	16985	Curry Village Tent Cabin Bear-Proof Food Storage Locker Replacement(y4-4603).	Yosemite Valley	Notification to resolve adverse effect with SMM Concurrence February 23, 2007	Consultation not required
2007-082	19152	Parkwide Annual Roof Replacement (Moore and Little White Cottages)	Wawona	Notification to change roofing materials Concurrence March 9, 2007	Consultation not required; Materials per consultation w/SHPO
2002-088	17512	Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark Fire and Life-Safety Project	Yosemite Valley	Request from SHPO to continue consultation March 9, 2007	No further participation required March 23,

Summary of the 2007 Fire Archeology Program

This report summarizes work completed for cultural resources in the Fire Archeology Program at Yosemite National Park.

Acres of survey: 50-75
New sites recorded: 12
Revisited sites: 96
Isolate finds: 8

Discussion:

Yosemite National Park has an active Fire Management program, and the 2007 fire season saw 9 prescribed fires, 15 fires managed as Wildland Fire Use incidents, and 41 suppressed fires. The Fire Archeology Program engaged in resources management activities for all of these incidents and other projects for the Fire Management program.

Inventory acres are lower than in past years for several reasons. Those prescribed fire units chosen for treatment in 2007 have, to a large degree, already been surveyed. Wildland Fire Use incidents did not see much growth. Several areas were the subject of ongoing contract inventory survey and those acres are not reflected in the above count.

Pre-burn assessments and necessary fuels reduction were done on all newly discovered and revisited archeological sites.

Three previously undiscovered sites were documented during work on prescribed burn projects. Handline was constructed through two archeological sites before the Fire Archeologist was notified of the line location. Subsequent discussions with the burn boss reinforced the need to inform the Fire Archeologist of preparation of burn units. As testimony to the effectiveness of education and outreach to Fire Management personnel, several firefighters reported discovering cultural material during their work on the handline. Fortunately the sites are located on open, decomposing granite areas and very little impact was observed. The sites were flagged for further avoidance which was successful. Several burn units treated during 2007 and previously were the subject of reconnaissance to evaluate the effectiveness of post-burn inventory survey. Several units were identified and will be the subject of further work and at least one newly discovered site was documented during post-burn reconnaissance.

Seven previously undiscovered sites were documented during work for Wildland Fire Use incidents and it is here that most survey took place. Several of these sites reflect the recording of several groups of historic tree blazes previously documented during the Wilderness Historic Resource Surveys. These were recorded to NPS and California State standards as part of the 2007 work.

Two sites were discovered and recorded during work on suppressed fires. Generally, fires that are suppressed are held to very small size but see substantial potential for impact.

This season the Fire Archeology program tried to relocate more of these fires, discovering in the process that location information for these fires can vary widely. We were unable to relocate several fires.

Fire Management proposed and implemented the placement of two water lines in Wawona that will feed a portable tank or fill engines. The Fire Archeology program assisted in planning and monitored sensitive areas during these projects. The Fire Archeology Program also participated in the planning of a water tank in Foresta, guiding the proposal away from sensitive areas.

The Fire Archeology Program presented at two outreach presentations, one to a college class and another to a group of high school students contemplating careers with the National Park Service.



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Archeological Assessment of the 2007 Backcountry Trail Projects Camps

This inventory is a continuation of archeological work conducted in support of the trails program for the previous nine years. The report presents the results of archeological resource inventory completed in support of the Yosemite National Park Trails Program, within the scope of the Parks responsibilities, conducted under the park's Programmatic Agreement for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Yosemite National Park Trails Program annually maintains and executes repairs along the Park's 700-mile wilderness trail system, utilizing multiple crews to perform maintenance and reconstruction activities. The purpose of this work is to enhance visitor safety and enjoyment, encourage the use of established trail corridors to protect park resources, and to maintain trail integrity through the maintenance of various trail structures. To complete trail work projects, the use of backcountry trail camps throughout the park is required. There are over 120 known trail crew camp locations in the park, many of which have been used for decades. The 2007 project locations included archeological surveys: along the Clouds Rest, Half Dome, John Muir, and Mt. Hoffmann trails, and at the Mt. Gibson, Sunrise Lake, Matterhorn Canyon, Smedburg Lake, North Slide Canyon, and Pleasant Valley trail crew camps.

The report discusses archeological investigations undertaken to locate, record, and offer management recommendations for archeological resources potentially affected by trail work within Yosemite National Park. Potential impacts to archeological sites from trail crew activities include: digging (e.g. latrine pits, dish pits, fire rings, etc.), using borrow pits/areas, and trail construction/reconstruction. The findings and recommendations presented in the report will assist in the future avoidance of archeological sites within the areas of potential effect. In addition, sensitivity training, presented by archeologists to trail crew foremen, will help trail crew foremen and their staff to assist with preservation of these sensitive cultural resources.

A total of 130 acres were surveyed, resulting in the documentation of six newly discovered archeological sites. In addition, one archeological site record was updated, five isolated artifacts were documented, and 20 condition assessments (ASMIS) were completed. Recommendations will be made to address issues relating to present and future trail crew camp locations and project areas. This information will assist in the continued preservation of these resources and may be included with data used to answer research questions associated with Native American (or historic) occupation of Yosemite National Park.



Condition Assessment at archeological site CA-TUO-4255.



Trail crew camp at City Camp, near archeological site CA-TUO-4060.



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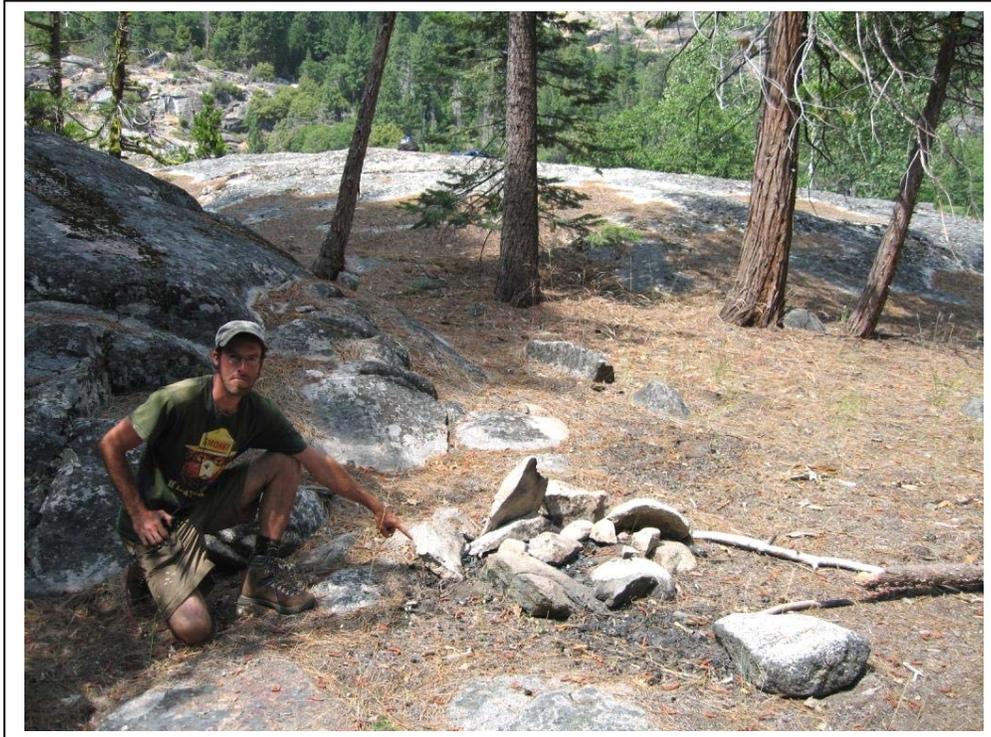
YOSE 2007 I: Wilderness Restoration Program

Project archeologist: David L Curtis, assisted by Stanford Student Intern Peter Wright, with oversight by Project Archeologist Suzanna T. Montague
Funds: \$30,000. Monies for the Wilderness Restoration Program are generously donated by the Yosemite Fund.

This ongoing project identifies and assesses the condition of archeological resources in high-use wilderness areas. The work is performed by the Branch of Anthropology & Archeology in support of the park's Wilderness Restoration Program and is designed to identify archeological resources prior to physical rehabilitation of heavily-impacted wilderness areas. Many of these areas are located in remote and rugged, mid- to high elevation environments that see relatively frequent use by backpackers and hikers. A field crew of two (typically a professional archeologist and an archeological student intern) performs pedestrian surveys and site recording in the Wilderness Restoration project locations.

The primary objective of the current program is to provide baseline archeological inventory, and thorough condition assessments of selected archeological sites. This goal is achieved through "hands-on" observations made of the natural and visitor-related disturbances to archeological sites and by updating ASMIS site records with the current field observations. These data comprise, in part, a baseline inventory of the conditions of sites located in the wilderness and the specific disturbances that occur on each site.

A total of 520 acres was surveyed and 72 archeological sites were visited during the 2007 field season—26 of the total sites visited were previously unrecorded. The vast majority of the sites were observed to have received disturbances directly related to visitor use. Repeated visitor use was observed at two sites in particular. The results of the work completed by the Wilderness Archeology Program will form a component of the resource information and treatment recommendations necessary for updating the park's Wilderness Management Plan.



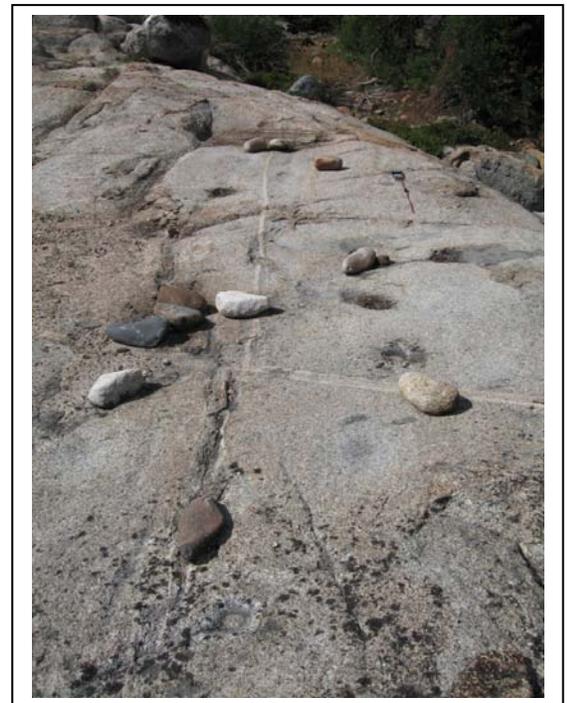
Visitor-related disturbances remain high on the list for common causes of many of the damages to archeological sites.

This prehistoric site in Tiltill Valley has suffered significant visitor-use impacts. The archeologist points to a portable milling feature used as a heat deflector in a modern fire ring.



Natural deterioration of archeological sites can lead to significant impacts in Yosemite's wilderness.

This historic cabin in Little Yosemite Valley has collapsed within the forty years since the most recent repairs took place.



Archeological sites that see little visitation often remain the best preserved.

This bedrock milling feature in Rodgers Canyon contains 13 pestles *in situ*.