

Environmental Screening Form**I. Project Information****Project Name:** Telephone Cable Replacement**Location:** Glacier Point Road**Contact:** Phil Willitts**Date:** 6/26/02**Brief Project Description:** Telephone cable along Sentinel Dome Trail is exposed and damaged due to erosion. Replacement cable will be brought in and retrenched by hand into existing alignment. Cable may be placed into UV-proof PVC to prevent future damage, and waterbar placement with native rocks may occur to encourage natural erosion parallel to trench alignment.**II. National Environmental Policy Act Checklist**

Does the proposed project potentially:

Yes No

- Adversely impact public health and safety?
- Adversely impact historic or cultural resources, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, ecologically critical areas, or Natural Landmarks?
- Have highly controversial effects?
- Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown risks?
- Establish a precedent resulting in significant environmental effects?
- Relate to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant effects?
- Adversely affect properties listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places?
- Adversely impact a species listed or proposed to be listed as federally threatened or endangered?
- Violate any laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment, such as Executive Order 11998 (Floodplains Management) or Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands)?

If any of the above exceptions apply, the project cannot be Categorical Excluded and an EA or an EIS is required.

Recommendations:

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III. National Historic Preservation Act Checklist

Yes No

Does the proposed project entail ground disturbance?

If yes, explain: Hand-trenching will occur within the existing alignment.

Are there any archeological or ethnographic sites within the area of potential effect?

Does the proposed project invoke Native American issues?

If yes, explain:

Does the proposed project entail alteration of a structure or a cultural landscape?*

If yes, explain:

Has a National Register form been completed?*

If yes, reference:

Are there any structures on the List of Classified Structures in the area of potential effect?*

If yes, list:

*If yes, then a XXX must be completed

What will the effects be to the archeological or ethnographic sites?

No Effect

What will the effects be to historic structures or cultural landscapes?

No Effect

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IV. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Checklist

Does the proposed project fall within a wild and scenic river corridor?

Project does not fall within a WSR corridor

If the project falls within in a WSR corridor, is it below the ordinary high water mark AND will it effect the free flow of the river?

Yes No n/a

If Yes to BOTH, WSRA Section 7 determination required

For projects which fall within the Merced River corridor:

Which management zone(s) will the project occur in?

Is the proposed project compatible with Management Zone prescription(s)?

n/a

Is the proposed project within the River Protection Overlay?

Is the proposed project consistent with conditions for the River Protection Overlay?

Will the proposed project:

Protect and enhance the potential for scientific research?

Protect and enhance scenic views from the river or its banks?

Protect and enhance the diversity (not quantity) of recreational uses of the area?
Recreational uses include but are not limited to: sightseeing, hiking, camping, picnicking, rafting, photography, horseback riding, or enjoyment of natural river sounds.

Protect and enhance the geologic character, particularly evidence of glaciation, of the affected area?

Protect and enhance riverine habitats or special status species?

Riverine habitats include: riparian areas, meadows and aquatic environments

Protect and enhance river-related cultural resources which a) do not divert the free flow of water and b) are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places?

Protect and enhance hydraulic characteristics of the river such as 100-year floodplain processes, water quality or flow rate?

Whether or not the project falls within a WSR corridor, could it invade a designated river or diminish scenic, recreation, fish, or wildlife values of a designated river?

Yes No

If Yes, identify concern:

Recommendations:

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V. Special Status Species Checklist

Within the area of potential impact, are there any:

Yes No

Federally-listed threatened or endangered species?

Other federal species of special concern?

State-listed threatened or endangered species, or species of special concern?

Park rare plants?

If Yes to any of the above, identify species:

Is the proposed project site evident potential habitat for any special-status species?

If Yes, identify species:

Recommendations:

VI. NEPA Analysis and Approval Conditions

The project meets the terms and conditions of a categorical exclusion to NEPA.

Applicable Categorical Exclusion:

DO12 3.4.C.03 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails

Ensure that project occurs within the existing corridor. Remove existing materials and other associated materials that are being replaced. Coordinate design and installation of water bars with Trails Office.

This project has been reviewed in accordance with the above criteria and it has been determined that the project will result in no or minimal environmental effects. Therefore, it is Categorically Excluded from further environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, the necessary compliance coordination has been completed with regards to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the Endangered Species Act.

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