



Hodgdon Meadow Housing Area Trailer Replacement and Utilities Improvement Project

Why undertake this project?

Yosemite National Park is considering the construction of a duplex consisting of two 2- bedroom units in the Hodgdon Meadow housing area in order to replace a previously removed obsolete 3- bedroom trailer that did not meet National Park Service housing standards. This duplex would provide housing for two or more park employees. Hodgdon Meadow is one of three residential areas in the Mather Ranger District.

Private housing in nearby communities is very limited, and Mather District employees face a shortage of adequate housing. The new duplex would help Yosemite National Park maintain housing in this area and provide housing that meets National Park Service standards for safety, economy, and quality.

Yosemite National Park identified Hodgdon Meadow as an appropriate area for residential and administrative facilities development in the 1980 General Management Plan. This project would add one additional bedroom to the Hodgdon Meadow housing area. The new duplex would be energy- efficient, bear- proof, affordable to maintain, and would match the architectural style of the other Hodgdon Meadow buildings.

Additionally, this project would replace the drinking water disinfection system. Currently, the water has low pH values which are causing copper piping to leach into the drinking water. Consequently, copper levels have at times exceeded California Department of Health Services (CDHS) mandated action levels. Although no immediate health threat is present, implementation of this project would satisfy CDHS requirements and improve potability of the water.

Where is the project located?

The Hodgdon Meadow housing area is located along the Old Big Oak Flat Road, three-quarters of a mile southeast of the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station. While there are visitor facilities nearby—such as the Hodgdon Meadow Campground—the general area where construction would take place is primarily used as an administrative area and is closed to private vehicle traffic.

What does this project entail?

Incorporating input from park staff and the public, Yosemite National Park has selected a preferred construction site for the new Hodgdon duplex. This previously- distributed site is the former location of a trailer used for employee housing, and does not expand the developed footprint of the housing area. The proposed duplex will use an existing design from the National Park Service “*Prototype Design Guidelines for Trailer Replacement*” (available at www.nps.gov/yose/planning). The duplex will be a conventional, stick- frame structure on a slab foundation. The new treatment facility would include a 135 sq ft building constructed adjacent to the old facility on previously disturbed fill soil.

What is the schedule for this project?

Planning Timeline:

Completed (spring 2006):
Completed (March 15, 2006- April 14, 2006):
July 16, 2007- August 15, 2007:
Anticipated in Fall 2007:

Internal Agency Scoping
Formal Public Scoping
Public Review of Draft EA
Construction Period

Public Participation

Here are some ways to learn more and stay involved will park planning efforts and implementation projects:

- Attend a National Park Service's public open house to talk with project specialists and obtain more information about ongoing and future park projects.
- Add your name to the park's mailing list (to address/fax/email below) and receive planning- related notices. You can also submit your email address to receive Yosemite National Park's periodic electronic newsletter.
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