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Hi Anthony,

It's good to hear from you. I don't recall having any real influence over the plans at Curry Village / Half Dome Village, so I shouldn't accept any congratulations. I haven't reviewed the consultation package yet, but would be happy to speak with you about it after I do. Would early next week work for you? Perhaps Tuesday?

Mark

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Hey Mark—long time no chat. I got the Curry Village consultation letter, and despite very limited bandwidth, I'm interested in the apparent opportunity to relocate the 11 cabins in the rockfall zone. I frankly had thought they were goners, so congrats on getting that action back on the table. I'm curious what you think the prospects are for saving them? And how about the apple trees? Shall we have a quick conversation?

I hope all is well.

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Subject: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation for the Half Dome Village  
Project (Merced River Plan Implementation)  
***30-day response requested***

Dear Mr. Veerkamp:

The National Park Service (NPS) at Yosemite National Park is conducting National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation regarding the Half Dome Village (Curry Village) project. This action will implement land use components of the 2014 Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan (Merced River Plan).

Because this project includes both Category 2 and 3 actions from the Merced River Plan (see attached correspondence with SHPO for additional information about the effects of the project), we are anticipating the development of a memorandum of agreement to address the adverse effects of the removal of historic structures and potential adverse effects to the Curry Orchard Parking Area. Consistent with guidance established in Stipulation IV.C.II and III for Category 2 and Category 3 projects, the park is requesting notification from you or your organization regarding interest in continuing consultation on this project for the purpose of addressing the effects of the undertaking. Consultation will include development of a memorandum of agreement to address any adverse effects of the project.

We are requesting written confirmation within 30 days as to whether you or your organization will want to continue consulting on this project. Please direct your response, any questions and requests for additional information to Kimball Koch, Historic Preservation Officer, at [kimball\\_koch@nps.gov](mailto:kimball_koch@nps.gov) or (209) 379-1364.

Sincerely,

/s/ Woody Smeck (signed original on file)

Woody Smeck  
Acting Superintendent

Attachments

- 1) Initiation Letter to SHPO (sent 2/8/2017)
- 2) Project Location Map
- 3) APE Map
- 4) Photos of Historic Buildings and Structures in Half Dome Village Planned for Removal, Relocation, and/or Rehabilitation
- 5) Summary of Past Actions at Half Dome Village 2006-Present
- 6) Summary of Present and Future Actions at Half Dome Village

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