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The 2013 design option includes the preservation and reuse of portions of the existing Trestle. This option has the potential to be constructed in a manner that conforms with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties under the Treatment of Rehabilitation, which is defined as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values."

Design  
Options 1-8  
**ALL** call for  
complete  
demolition  
of the Trestle

Design Options 1 through 8 would involve the demolition of the existing Petaluma Trestle and the construction of a new structure that is intended to mimic the historic structure to varying extents. Due to the demolition of the existing Petaluma Trestle, the Petaluma Trestle renovation project may result in a finding that the project would have a "significant and unavoidable" impact to the historic resource, the Petaluma Trestle, under CEQA and an "adverse effect" on the historic resource under Section 106 of the NHPA.

Complete  
demolition  
of the  
original  
structure is  
not likely to  
be approved  
by CEQA or  
the SHPO

A finding that the project would have a "significant and unavoidable" impact to the historic resource under CEQA would require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

A finding that the project would have an "adverse effect" on the historic resource under Section 106, would result in the lead federal agency negotiating and executing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). This MOA will outline measures to minimize, avoid, or mitigate the adverse effects. While the exact measures are uncertain, they will likely include documenting the structure according to the National Park Service's Historic American Engineering Record standards before any demolition or construction begins. Proposed efforts, such as interpretation panels, may be considered mitigation. Additional public history measures, like creating a booklet about the Trestle's history, could also be included. SHPO will seek input from local historic preservation groups for mitigation suggestions. Incorporating a design that honors the Trestle's original design may also serve as a mitigation measure.