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Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95816-7100
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Project Title: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc. – Western Expansion Area Restoration

Project Applicant: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc.

Project Location – Specific: Approximately 300 acres (0.5 square miles) immediately west of Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area

Project Location – City: near California City **Project Location – County:** Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc. (DTPC) is undertaking a project to restore approximately 300 acres of habitat for the desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel, and other sensitive wildlife species immediately west of the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTRNA). Restoration activities include installation of fencing, camouflage restoration of unauthorized routes, installation of signs along new fence, and trash and weed removal in the restored area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (CE) Class 15304 Minor alterations to land.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Activity not subject to CEQA review. Section 15378 not a CEQA project

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed above. Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above.

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Signature

Date:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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