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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: Restoration of Closed OHV Routes Within Ridgecrest BLM OHV Areas

Project Applicant: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Ridgecrest Field Office

Project Location – Specific: Red Mountain, Coso, Inyo, and White Mountains, Darwin Falls

Project Location – City: near Ridgecrest **Project Location – County:** Kern, San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The BLM Ridgecrest Field Office will restore approx. 250-340 sites of closed routes through active restoration. Work includes: restoring and camouflaging using vertical mulching, horizontal mulching, and seed pits; constructing erosion control structures, such as water bars and check dams on steep slopes; seed scattering; installing barriers and signs; photo documentation and data collection to assess restoration efficacy; and signing alternate OHV routes to keep OHV riding out of restored areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: BLM – Ridgecrest Field Office

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). Section 15301 Existing facilities operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration and Section 15306 Information Collection.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Activity not subject to CEQA review.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE classes 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person:
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Signature

Date:

3-11-19

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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