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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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 23 rd Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95816-7100
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Project Title: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area – Desert Ironwood Filled Donut

Project Location – Specific: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)

Project Location – City: near Borrego Springs

Project Location – County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will improve the conditions for two ironwood trees and one creosote bush near the OWSVRA headquarters that has been circled by an OHV to the point that a ring (or donut) around the plant has been cut. In order to reduce the impacts to these trees, heavy equipment will be used to fill the donut. A water truck will wet the surrounding topsoil and a bulldozer will be used to push the soil into the depression until the area is level with the ground, creating a very gradual gradient. Hand digging will aid these efforts. An interpretive panel will be installed that describes the life cycle and ecological importance of ironwoods. An archaeological and biological monitor will be present at the discretion of the district Archaeologist and/or Environmental Scientist.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

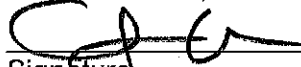
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ocotillo Wells District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption – 15304 Minor Alteration in the condition of the land. 15311, Placement of minor accessory

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE classes listed above. Proposed activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A CEQA Project Evaluation Form for the project is on file at the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division office listed above.

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