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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 – Truckhaven Palms – Flats Restoration

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 seek to enclose a degraded California Palm Oasis and potential water source (spring) and their corresponding resource features from further OHV encroachment into the target area. It will follow Best Management Practices guidelines from the California State Parks OHV BMP Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control. The project will mechanically de-compact and remove the existing visual trail below the hill climb, remove the invasive Tamarisk tree, re-contour ground with heavy equipment and hand crews, add a peeler-core barrier fence, rehabilitate with native plants and seed casting, and add two interpretive panels. 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 – 15311, Placement of minor accessory. 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Project

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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