

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division 715 P Street Sacramento, California 95814 Armando Quintero, Director

Notice of Exemption

| То: | From: |
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| Office of Planning and Research | California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), |
| P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 | Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division |
| Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 | P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296 |
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Project Title: BLM Ridgecrest Field Office Ground Operations

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

Project Location – Specific: western Mojave Desert including Jawbone, Dove Springs, Spangler Hills, Trona Pinnacles, Fossil Falls Campground, and the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area

Project Location – City: near Ridgecrest

Project Location – County: Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project activities include maintenance of OHV routes and trails by installing and maintaining directional and informational signs, kiosks, fencing; trash and restroom facilities maintenance; soils, plant, and wildlife monitoring; and public outreach and information services. No expansion of existing maintenance activities or facility operations is proposed.

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

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 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. No exceptions to the exemption apply to this project.

| Lead Agency Contact Person: Jon O'Brien, Environmental Program Mgr. | Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 204-0871 |
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| Jon O'Brien <e-signature> Signature</e-signature> | 12/19/2022 Date: |
| Signed by Lead Agency | Date received for filing at OPR: |

□ Signed by Applicant