

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)

California Conservation Corps

1719 24th Street

Sacramento, CA 95816

County Clerk:

County of: _____

Project Title: Paradise Valley Trails Repair and Restoration

Project Applicant: California Conservation Corps - Fortuna Center, Backcountry Trails Program

Project Location – Specific: Paradise Valley, Kings Canyon National Park CA 36°48'49.0176"N 118°32'56.6"W

Project Location – City: _____ **Project Location – County:** Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to restore heavily damaged trail sections and structures within the Paradise Valley of Kings Canyon National Park. Project activities include rehabilitation and repair of stone trail steps, water bars, and damaged tread along sections of Woods Creek Trail and Mist Falls, and will include incidental maintenance and brushing to ensure safe access to the project sites.

Mitigation Measures documented in the Categorical Exclusion Form and associated environmental assessment documents prepared by Kings Canyon National Park in June 2016, to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, will be followed for all relevant project activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Conservation Corps

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: National Park Service – Kings Canyon National Park

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
 Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
 Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301. Existing Facilities; 15304 Minor alts to land
 Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

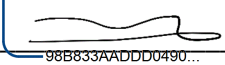
Reason why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public trails and does not involve any expansion beyond current use. Minor alterations to the condition of vegetation for the purposes of erosion control does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jeffrey Schwarzschild, Chief Counsel **Telephone:** 916-341-3133

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  **Date:** 6/26/2020 **Title:** Chief Counsel
DocuSigned by: 98B833AAADDD0490... **Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Jun 26 2020

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