



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Notice of Exemption

Table with 2 columns: 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

Project Title: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area – Toner Property Improvements

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

Project Location – City: near Borrego Springs

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will include: 1) Construction of two metal shade parking structures at staff dormitories, two striped ADA parking stalls, and a windbreak wall for one parking area. Each shade structure will have side and front wind protection walls, they will not touch the ground. Each shade structure will measure 72 feet by 18 feet and approximately 10 feet tall.

2) A Quonset-style steel building/hut will be added on an existing pad adjacent to an existing Quonset building to protect heavy equipment from scouring winds and UV degradation. The building is 60 feet wide by 100 feet long. The existing elevated pad will be re-excavated and compacted due to minor surface erosion. Heavy equipment, including a dozer, backhoe, skip loader, grader, and water truck will be used.

3) ATV Safety Institute training track expansion and split-rail fence realignment to accommodate recreational off-highway vehicle training. The existing track is 39,826 square feet, it will be expanded to the north and west resulting in a total track area of 52,097 square feet. The expansion will require removing approximately 5,403 square feet of native vegetation. An Environmental Scientist will ensure that staff provides proper care during vegetation transplanting to retain as many plant species as possible. No pavement or other hardscaping will be added. Equipment used will be hand tools for ground personnel and a loader or dozer to relocate the berm. A grader will provide the final leveling for the training track area.

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 Exemptions –

15301 – Minor alterations to existing facilities, 15303 - New construction of limited small new facilities, 15304 – Minor alterations in the condition of the land

15311 - Construction of minor structures accessory to existing facilities

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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