



TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES
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Notice of Exemption

To: State Clearinghouse
 Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
 County of Mono
 P.O. Box 237
 Bridgeport, CA 93517

Project Title: Shady Rest Park Winter Recreation Staging Area Improvement

Project Location – Specific: Sawmill Road, Shady Rest Park (site of winter closure)

Project Location – City: Mammoth Lakes **Project Location – County:** Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Staging Area Improvement project will involve cutting into the existing dirt road and adjacent slope approximately 20 feet to provide a paved parking area for approximately 10 vehicles and provide additional space for winter snowplows to safely operate. A 2:1 slope will be placed around the excavated area to stabilize the hillside and minimize erosion. This project will improve winter recreation access, public safety, and ongoing erosion issues by stabilizing and delineating the existing (informal) vehicle staging area and creating additional parking and egress (turn-around space) for snowplows and large vehicles. The project area is confined to a historic and existing disturbed area that currently serves as a de facto, non-formalized staging area for multiple recreation user groups who are accessing National Forest system lands from the town managed Shady Rest Park (under Special Use Permit from Inyo National Forest).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo National Forest

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Town of Mammoth Lakes, Department of Public Works

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 (State type and Section number): Guidelines Section 15301(c), Repair and Minor Alteration of Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions (State code number):

Reason why project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), Repair and Minor Alteration of Existing Facilities, because the project only involves a negligible expansion of an existing facility and the expansion area is limited to a previously disturbed area that is currently used for the same transportation purpose (i.e., informal vehicle staging area), and none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 are present.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Haislip Hayes, Director of Public Works **Phone:** (760) 965-3652

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: October 5, 2020 **Title:** Director of Public Works

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Oct 06 2020

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