



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Mono County Community Development
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Project Title: Fern Lk/ Yost Crk Trailhead FRD Sign Installation

The proposed action includes installation of two (2) Traffic Control signs to direct trail-users to the Yost Creek/Fern Lake Trailhead - a medium volume trailhead under management by Inyo National Forest. Work will be performed outside of shoulder of SR 158 located in the June Lake Loop community of unincorporated Mono County. (NB post mile 5.229/ SB post mile 5.275). Signs will be installed pursuant to the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" specifications. Sign dimensions measure 13"h X 82"w with a total area of 7.4 ft². Two (2) pressure treated 6X6 posts with breakaways will support the reflective aluminum signs inscribed "Fern/Yost Trailhead" with directional arrows. Work will be performed by Mono County, department of Public Works - Road Operations Division.

Project Applicant: Mono County

Project Location – Specific: SR 158 (NB post mile 5.229 & SB post mile 5.275)

Project Location - City: June Lake

Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will improve recreational wayfinding, directing users to a U.S. Forest Service public access trailhead. The absence of MUTCD traffic devices on this section of SR 158 causes confusion among users and abrupt braking. The installation of proper Forest Road (FRD) signs built to MUTCD specifications is anticipated to calm traffic and help recreational users locate the Fern Lk/ Yost Crk Trailhead. The project includes no expansion of or beyond existing user created disturbance areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Mono County

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Not a Project & No Effects (Sec. 15378(b)(4); 15061(b)(3))
- 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: **Class 5 - §15305(b); Class 1 – §15301(c)**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Project Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning (15183)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemptions applied:

§ 15301. EXISTING FACILITIES

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below

are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes);

§ 15305. MINOR ALTERATIONS IN LAND USE LIMITATIONS

Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to:


- (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits;

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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: 10/22/20 Title: Road OPS Superintendent

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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