

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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Environmental Filings
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From: County of Los Angeles
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Project Title: Devil's Punchbowl Bobcat Fire Trail Stabilization and Recovery Project

Project Location - Specific: Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area and Nature Center
28000 Devil's Punchbowl Rd, Pearblossom, CA 93553

Project Location - City: Pearblossom

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Devil's Punchbowl Bobcat Fire Trail Stabilization and Recovery Project would provide for the construction of a shaded seating area at the trailhead; replacement of a map board kiosk destroyed during the fire; replacement of destroyed signs and trail markers; and trail stabilization and reconstruction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15302
Class 2
- Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)
- Categorical Section 15302
Class 2
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The trail stabilization and reconstruction; and replacement of a map board kiosk, signs, and trail markers destroyed during the fire are consistent with Section 15302 Class 2, which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities.

The construction of a shaded seating area at the trailhead is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for small new structures.

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The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The trail stabilization and reconstruction; and replacement of a map board kiosk, signs, and trail markers destroyed during the fire are consistent with Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities.

The construction of a shaded seating area at the trailhead is consistent with Class 3, which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The proposed use of Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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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, Julie Yom, AICP

6/9/2021

Date

Park Planner

Title