
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption for
Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification**

To: Office of Planning and Research
400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 29 June 2021

Project Title:

High Lakes OHV Re-route and Trail Maintenance Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Trailhead to access the project area is located at the intersection of Forest Service roads FS25N04 and FS25N05.

Section: 22, 23, 25, 26, and 27, Township: 25 North, Range: 5 East

Sections 19, 30, and 31, Township 25 North, Range 6 East

Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Township 24 North, Range 6 East

Latitude: 39.989° and Longitude: -121.361°

Project Location - County: Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to upgrade the existing High Lakes motorized trail system to reduce trail erosion and subsequent sedimentation to project area aquatic resources.

The proposed Project includes installing trail drainage features; constructing causeways on trails that currently impact aquatic features; improving existing stream channel crossings by constructing low water crossings with 4-inch minus rock; hardening existing wet areas that currently traverse through aquatic features with 4-inch minus rock; and decommissioning select trails that currently impact water quality and riparian areas and subsequently rerouting those trails outside of those features.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Branch Office.

WDID No. 5A32CR00215

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA Section 15301. The project involves the maintenance of an existing structure with no expansion of use.

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