State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Catshead Restoration (ER #13435)

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

COUNTY: San Diego/Imperial

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will seek to reduce the overall amount of volunteer trails and improve native vegetation and wildlife habitat within the Catshead area of Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Volunteer trails will be scrubbed (i.e., shallowly raked) up to 50 meters from designated trails. Disturbed areas will be restored to a natural look through methods of raking, rock placement, native plantings, and vertical mulching. Signs will be implemented to encourage the public to stay on designated trails.

Measures to be implemented to avoid impact may be obtained from the contact below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District

EXEMPT STATUS:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: *Section:* 15061(b)(3)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15061(b)(3).

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