



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Notice of Exemption

Table with 2 columns: To: Office of Planning and Research, P.O. Box 3044, Room 113, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044; From: California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division, 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95816-7100

Project Title: BLM El Centro Field Office Restoration

Project Applicant: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – El Centro Field Office

Project Location – Specific: North Algodones Dunes, Buzzards Peak, Carizzo Gorge, Coyote Mountains, Fish Creek Mountains, Indian Pass, Jacumba Mountains, Little Picacho, Milpitas Wash, Palo Verde Mountains and Picacho Peak Wilderness Areas; Pierson’s milkvetch critical habitat; and 164,000 acres of camping closures within BLM El Centro Field Office.

Project Location – City: near El Centro

Project Location – County: Imperial and San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes maintenance of signs and fencing around OHV closed areas, monitoring patrols, and public outreach. The project will not expand existing facility use or operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: BLM – El Centro Field Office

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption (CE). 15301 Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
Activity not subject to CEQA review.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed above. Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above. No exceptions to the exemption apply to this project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jon O'Brien, Environmental Program Mgr.

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Signature: Jon O'Brien

Date: 12/16/21

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency
[Signed by Applicant]

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