



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, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Yosemite Toad Hybridization Study

Project Applicant: United States Forest Service (USFS), Eldorado National Forest (ENF)

Project Location – Specific: ENF: Deer Valley, Indian Valley, and Blue Lake Area

Project Location – City: near Kirkwood

Project Location – County: Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project activities would include a genetic study to develop a definitive identification of the toad species that occupy the project area. Activities would include developing datasets for two categories of toads: 1) pure western toads and 2) toads found in the Deer Valley, Indian Valley, and Blue Lakes areas. Project deliverables include: 1) Scientific, peer reviewed publication, 2) A tested genetic assay that can be used to differentiate Yosemite toads, western toads, and hybrids, and 3) a USFS findings report.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USFS, Eldorado National Forest

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). Section 15306 Information Collection
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.

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Date: 2/23/2022

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: