



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: Los Padres National Forest Ground Operations

Project Applicant: U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Los Padres National Forest

Project Location – Specific: Ojai, Mt. Pinos, Santa Barbara, and Santa Lucia Ranger Districts

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes ongoing facility and trail maintenance along 365 miles of existing trail. Trail maintenance includes surveys, clearing hazard trees, repairs, brushing, logging out, maintaining erosion features, and hardening trail sections. Other facility maintenance and repair includes activities such as vault pumping, cleaning, painting, and litter pick up. Installation/replacement of signs and fences or barriers, along with resource monitoring and surveys, is also included. 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: USFS Los Padres 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). 15301 Existing facilities operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration
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

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