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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Notice of Exemption

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 P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296

Project Title: Modoc National Forest Ground Operations

Project Applicant: U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Modoc National Forest

Project Location – Specific: Modoc National Forest – forest-wide

Project Location – City: N/A   **Project Location – County:** Lassen, Modoc, and Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project funds ongoing maintenance of existing off-highway vehicle (OHV) roads and other facilities, including maintaining approximately 15 miles of OHV roads; grooming/grading approximately 50 miles of roads; erosion control activities; hazardous tree removal; facility improvements; and sign installation, repair, or replacement. The project would 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 Modoc 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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (CE). Section 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 exception to the exemption applies to this project.

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Date:

☒ Signed by Lead Agency   Date received for filing at OPR:

☐ Signed by Applicant