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SCH #: 2023080345

Project Title: DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL NATURE CENTER REPLACEMENT PLANNING PROJECT

Lead Agency: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

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Project Location: 28000 Devils Punchbowl Rd., Pearblossom, CA 93553 Unincorporated Los Angeles County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing to develop new park amenities at the Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area. The Proposed Project entails planning for the replacement of the Nature Center that was destroyed by the Bobcat Fire in 2020 with a new building while also making improvements to the surrounding support site elements including trail heads, Americans with Disabilities Act access to buildings and trails, picnic areas, and shade structures.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The EIR evaluated the proposed demolition of the existing historic-age Ranger's Residence on the Project Site per the eligibility criteria set forth in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), and the Los Angeles County Historic Preservation Ordinance's criteria for landmarks and historic districts. Additionally, the EIR evaluated the Project's potential to cause substantial adverse changes to this potentially significant historic-age resource. The evaluation concluded that the demolition of the Ranger's Residence would result in a substantial adverse change to a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. This demolition will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5 resulting in a significant and unavoidable impact. According to CEQA Guidelines § 15126.4(b)(2), documentation in the form of photographs and historic narrative will not mitigate the effects of demolition to a point where no significant effect would occur. However, CEQA generally requires all feasible mitigation be undertaken even if it does not mitigate below a level of significance. As such, Mitigation Measures HIS-1 and HIS-2 will be implemented to be proportionate with the level of significance of the resource prior to its demolition.

All other impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-9, CUL-1, CUL-2, GEO-1, TCR-1, and TCR-2.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Biological Resources and Cultural Resources.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

United States Forest Service (USFS) /Angeles National Forest
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)