

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**To: Office of Planning & Research**  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From: City of Big Bear Lake**  
P.O. Box 10000  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

and

San Bernardino County  
**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

**Project Title:** CASTLE ROCK TRAILHEAD PARKING LOT PROJECT

**SCH Number:** To be assigned

**Project Location:** The proposed Castle Rock Trail Parking Lot will be located on the south side of State Highway (SH) -18 adjacent to Talbot Road which is located just east of Fisher Cove and west of Boulder Bay on Big Bear Lake's southern shore. The site is located in the very southwestern corner of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, San Bernardino Base Meridian. The Longitude and Latitude of the site is (approx.) 34°14'17.27" N and 116° 57' 36.44" W.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of constructing an approximately 0.26-acre parking lot, restroom facility, and a connection to the existing Castle Rock Trail. The parking lot would accommodate 30 parking spaces, two of which would be ADA Standard. The proposed trail connection would be approximately 350 feet long, and would connect the existing Castle Rock Trail (WUSFS Trail 1W03) to the westernmost end of the proposed parking lot. Sewer, water and electrical services would connect to existing utility lines in the adjacent roadways.

The basic component of the proposed project is the installation of a paved parking lot that will encompass approximately 12,600 square feet (sf) of impervious surface on Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 0306-011-02. The parking lot will be installed and owned by the City of Big Bear Lake which will utilize a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD), to partially fund the new parking facility construction. Once constructed and placed into operation, the City will oversee operation and maintenance of the parking facility. In addition to the parking area itself, a number of on-site and off-site features will also be installed to support the trailhead parking facility operations.

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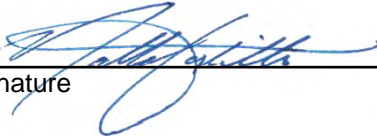
**Project Sponsor(s):** City of Big Bear Lake

- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:
  - (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,
  - (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material, which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which City of Big Bear Lake based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration, may be obtained at City of Big Bear Lake, P.O. Box 10000, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

Pursuant to the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, an electronic PDF of the IS/MND is available for download on the City's website at [www.citybigbearlake.com](http://www.citybigbearlake.com). Also, in accordance with the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, all materials are being submitted electronically to the Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse CEQAnet Web Portal (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>).

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for a 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which begins on January 4, 2024 and ends on February 2, 2024. Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to the Community Development Department at the mailing address listed above no later than 5:00 PM on February 2, 2024.

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|  | Nathan Castillo, Principal Planner | December 28, 2023 |
| Signature   | Title                              | Date              |

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