



**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND  
INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE CASTLE ROCK TRAILHEAD PARKING LOT PROJECT**

The City of Big Bear Lake (City) has prepared an Initial Study for the Castle Rock Trailhead Parking Lot Project, which recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be issued, and the City has authorized the release of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for public review and comment for the above project.

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 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.

The City has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and MND to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the 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 or an electronic PDF is available for download on the City's website at [www.citybigbearlake.com](http://www.citybigbearlake.com). The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration began January 4, 2024 and has been extended to February 26<sup>th</sup>. Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to the Community Development Department at the mailing address listed above no later than February 26, 2024 by 5:00 PM. Principal Planner, Nathan Castillo may be contacted at [ncastillo@CityBigBearLake.com](mailto:ncastillo@CityBigBearLake.com) or (909) 866-5831, ext. 128.

The City has not yet scheduled this matter before the Planning Commission to adopt the IS/MND and approve the project, but will notice the public when a Hearing date is scheduled. The technical and environmental issues related to this project may be discussed at this meeting. For any questions, please contact Nathan Castillo regarding the City's review process for considering the IS/MND.

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