

# MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** SCH #2024010059

**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.

**Finding:** The City of Big Bear Lake's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, the City has made a *preliminary* determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

**Initial Study:** 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. The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration began January 4, 2024 and ends on February 27, 2024. Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to the Community Development Department at the mailing address listed above no later than February 27, 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.

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**Mitigation Measures:** All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 68-74 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

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