



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Notice of Exemption

Table with 2 columns: To (Office of Planning and Research) and From (California Department of Parks and Recreation)

Project Title: BLM Ridgecrest Field Office Ground Operations

Project Applicant: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Ridgecrest Field Office

Project Location – Specific: western Mojave Desert including Jawbone, Dove Springs, Spangler Hills, Trona Pinnacles, Fossil Falls Campground, and the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area

Project Location – City: near Ridgecrest Project Location – County: Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project activities include routine maintenance of 15-30 miles of high-use OHV routes and trails; installing and maintaining directional and informational signs, kiosks, and fencing; trash and restroom facilities maintenance; soils, plant, and wildlife monitoring; and public outreach and information services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: BLM – Ridgecrest Field Office

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));
[X] 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jon O'Brien, Environmental Program Mgr.
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- [X] Signed by Lead Agency
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