DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division 715 P Street Sacramento, California 95814

Armando Quintero, Director

## Notice of Exemption

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California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296

Project Title: Southern California Mountains Foundation, BLM Palm Springs Field Office -

Restoration

**Project Applicant:** Southern California Mountains Foundation

**Project Location – Specific:** San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Project Location – City: Palm Desert Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project activities include closing and restoring illegal OHV trails in sensitive habitats impacted by unauthorized OHV use, installing 2.5 miles of fencing to prevent future illegal trail establishment, monitoring areas for trespass and fence disturbance, increasing/maintaining signage, removing invasive mustard plants, and educating the public on legal trail use. The project will maintain closure of unauthorized OHV routes and will not expand use of existing recreation facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Mountains Foundation

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));
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	Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
$\Box$ A	Activity not subject to CEQA review.
above. F adverse	s why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at

the OHMVR Division office listed above. No exceptions to the exemption apply to this project.

<b>Lead Agency Contact Person:</b> Jon M. O'Brien, Environmental Program Mgr.	Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 204-0871
Jon O'Brien Signature	1/23/2024 Date:
☐ Signed by Lead Agency	Date received for filing at OPR:

□ Signed by Applicant