

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Dept of Transportation  
500 South Main St  
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: Smokey Bear Flats Mixing Table

Project Applicant: California Dept of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: US 395 Post Mile 29.2

Project Location - City: Mammoth Lakes Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation proposes to conduct restoration activities at the Smokey Bear Flats Mixing table in Mono County. Restoration activities will include the removal of reclaimed asphalt product (RAP) which is present throughout the site. Work will include the use of heavy equipment (i.e., graders, loaders, and dump trucks) to remove material up to 3 feet deep along the inside and outside edges of the existing paved surface. Material collection will occur within 50 feet of the existing paved surface and will be hauled off site to an approved end use disposal site. Additional ground-disturbing activities will include soil sampling pits (push bore samples) at various locations throughout the project area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Dept of Transportation

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15530(b)(5)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Project is exempt because it involves:

- All activities will occur within previously disturbed areas near an existing paved surface.
- Measures will be implemented to protect sensitive resources, such as rare plant seed collection, hand removal of large asphalt debris, and on-site biological monitoring.

The project will not result in significant environmental effects, is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, and does not involve cumulative impacts or unusual circumstances.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stephen Pfeiler Phone number: 760-874-8329

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
 Yes       No

Signature: *Stephen Pfeiler*      Date: 08/07/2025      Title: Branch Chief

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.






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