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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Notice of Exemption

To:	**From:**
Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296

Project Title: El Mirage OHV Area - Ground Operations 2026

Project Applicant: Friends of El Mirage

Project Location – Specific: El Mirage Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

Project Location – City: Adelanto, CA **Project Location – County:** San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project activities provide ongoing maintenance of recreation facilities including grading approximately 35 miles (42.5 acres) of BLM managed OHV routes, repairing cracks and holes in approximately 1 acre of dry lakebed, restrooms, trash removal, fence and signage, campground sites, kiosks, monitoring, and public outreach within El Mirage OHV Recreation Area. No expansion of existing maintenance activities or facility operations is proposed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Friends of El Mirage

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 (CE). 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

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. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above. No exceptions to the exemption(s) apply to this project.

For CEQA compliance inquiries, please contact the Lead Agency contact person below.

Lead Agency Contact Person:
Scott Soares, Senior Environmental Scientist

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Scott Soares
Signature

12/29/2025
Date:

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

□ Signed by Applicant