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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Notice of Exemption

To:	**From:**
Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 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: Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship - Ground Operations

Project Applicant: Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Project Location – Specific: OHV System Trails located in the Tahoe National Forest

Project Location – City: near Downieville **Project Location – County:** Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project activities include ongoing road and trail maintenance within existing designated OHV areas of the Tahoe National Forest. These activities include trail tread conservation, erosion control; removing downed trees and boulders; maintaining drainage structures along roads and trails; armoring stream crossings; repairing and installing directional signage; and other facilities maintenance. The project also includes public outreach and resource monitoring. The project will not expand existing facility use or operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

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 apply to this project.

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

Lead Agency Contact Person:
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Scott Soares
Signature

12/29/2025
Date:

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

□ Signed by Applicant