



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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Armando Quintero, Director

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296
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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 on 2.6 miles in Panamint Valley and 15 miles in Spangler Hills OHV Open Area; trash removal and access route maintenance in open areas; trash and facility maintenance; installation, maintenance and repair of directional and informational signs, kiosks, and fencing; soils, plant, and wildlife monitoring; and public outreach and information services. 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:** 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));
- ☒ 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. 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

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Date:

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

☐ Signed by Applicant