



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
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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: Friends of Jawbone Ground Operations

Project Applicant: Friends of Jawbone

Project Location – Specific: Dove Springs OHV Area; Jawbone, Rand Mountains, Red Mountain, El Paso, Middle Knob, Southern Sierra, South Searles, and Ridgecrest subregions

Project Location – City: near Ridgecrest

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project involves ongoing, routine maintenance of OHV recreation facilities and visitor services operations in the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office. The proposed activities would include trail/road maintenance, open OHV area maintenance, facility maintenance/improvements, signing, fencing/barriers, soil and wildlife monitoring, and public outreach/visitor 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: Friends of Jawbone

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:

Scott Soares, Senior Environmental Scientist

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Signature

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Date: