



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Colorado Desert District
200 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

PROJECT TITLE: Prescribed Fire for Reforestation and Cuyamaca Peak Forest Health

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park **COUNTY:** San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

A program of phased prescribed fire and associated activities will take place across Cuyamaca Rancho State Park following the 2003 Cedar Fire to enhance forest resiliency and promote healthier forest canopy. This will be accomplished under the Cuyamaca Peak Forest Health Project to support recovery of montane forest structure, reduction of hazardous fuel loading and restoration of ecological processes. Project implementation will be coordinated with ongoing CRSP reforestation and forest health efforts and conducted in compliance with applicable cultural, biological, and wilderness resource protection requirements.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS:


- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
 Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities established under CEQA §15300.44 as:

- Class 4, Section 15034

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