



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Closure of the Lazy Leo Mine

LOCATION: Red Rock Canyon State Park

COUNTY: Kern

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project is to permanently close the Lazy Leo Mine (aka Otto Adams Mine) within Red Rock Canyon State Park. The Lazy Leo Mine is a complex mine with several adits, vertical shafts, horizontal openings and production machinery. There are over 200 meters of underground workings on at least two levels. There is danger for human safety as it contains a winze (east-facing adit) and areas of collapse. In 2007 in conjunction with the Department of Conservation Abandoned Mines Lands Unit a complete inventory of abandoned mines was completed for Red Rock Canyon State Park. The inventory indicated that over 55 +/- abandoned mines and features were located within the Park. As part of this inventory process, a remediation work plan was developed to identify and prioritize these abandoned mines and features for closure with the Park. This proposed closure will encompass several closure methods including bat and wildlife-friendly gates, wildlife-friendly culvert gates and a hard closure backfill.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Tehachapi

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 Section(s): 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)

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