



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Tehachapi District
15101 Lancaster Road
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PROJECT TITLE: Protective Fencing within the Cudahy Area

LOCATION: Red Rock Canyon State Park

COUNTY: Kern

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The proposed project is to limit and direct public vehicle access within the “Cudahy” area of Last Chance Canyon inside Red Rock Canyon State Park. The project will direct public vehicle access and prevent unauthorized vehicle access within the “Cudahy” area of Last Chance Canyon.

The proposed closure is necessary and is required to prevent ongoing natural and cultural resource damage, by vehicles traveling off –road and not staying on the designated route. Ongoing restoration of the damaged areas will begin once the area is closed to vehicle public access.

The footprint for this project will encompass the entire “Cudahy” area, starting at the very northern portion of the ‘Cudahy’ area extending all way through to the southern portion of the area, which will include Cudahy Camp and a small portion of Cudahy Creek Road.

A series of peeler post fences will be made using 8’ peeler post poles. Each post will be counter sunk approximately 4’ into the ground and cemented. Bags of concrete will be transported to the location and mixed on site. A power auger will be used to drill the post holes. The fence will be connected and tied together using 3’, 3/8 inch steel rods and peeler post poles set 6’ apart. This protective fencing will still allow vehicle access, but will limit and direct vehicle traffic to a specific path of travel, which will reduce the impacts to the area.

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, 3, 4 Section(s): 15301 15303 15304

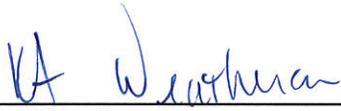
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR staff, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing

Facilities, §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Trail or road repairs” (Class 1, Section 15301);
- “Construction or installation of park facilities such as... fencing ...” (Class 3, Section 15303);
- “Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees” (Class 4, Section 15304);
- “Project will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources” (Class 4, Section 15304d);
- “Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment” (Class 4, Section 15304e); and
- “Surface restoration” (Class 4, Section 15304f)

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