



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Tehachapi District
15101 Lancaster Road
Lancaster, CA 93536

PROJECT TITLE: Reopening of the Miller Canyon Day Use Area

LOCATION: Silverwood Lake SRA

COUNTY: San Bernardino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

California State Parks – Facilities Division Statewide Trail Crew, Tehachapi District, in conjunction with the California Conservation Corps will be working to reopen the Miller Canyon Day Use Area within Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area.

The project will include doing routine maintenance to sixteen (16) existing drainages/culverts by brushing and clearing non-vegetation from around the drainages/culverts. Any existing sediment within the culverts will be removed. The drainages/culverts will be re-armored using medium to large rocks 10" to 14" in diameter.

The project will also include the resurfacing and the restriping of the Miller Canyon access road, including the parking areas for the Devil's Pit Day Use Area, the Lynx's Day Use Area and the Serrano Beach Day Use Area.

As part of this project the stringers at the Devil's Pit Bridge will be replaced and the overlook will be stabilized.

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 CEQA §15300 and the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Road repairs" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Fence repairs" (Class 1, Section 15301);
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- "Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees" (Class 4, Section 15304);
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- "Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment" (Class 4, Section 15304e); and
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