



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Bench at Scenic Lookout off Eagle Rock Fire Road
LOCATION: Topanga State Park **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The Santa Monica Mountain Trails Council and Sierra Club Trails Maintenance Team have requested approval to install a bench at a scenic point just off the Eagle Rock Fire Road in Topanga State Park in memory of long time Trail Volunteer Jane Lewis. Bench would be located on a leveled pad above and to the south of Eagle Road Fire Road. Location of bench would keep viewshed clear except from the immediate fire road approach toward the east. Bench would provide park visitors a beautiful location to rest and enjoy the view of Santa Ynez Canyon and the Santa Monica Bay.

No memorial message for Jane Lewis can be inscribed on the bench. Bench will be donated to the park through the California State Park Foundation to match other benches in the park. Bench will require two 18 inch holes for securing to the ground in concrete and will be constructed according to ADA specifications. Bench will be positioned to allow for a clear ground space of a minimum 36" by 48" and no more than 5% grade adjoining the main path of travel. No vegetation will be removed for installation. Downslope unauthorized trails will be closed and restored.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Class: 4, 11 Section(s): 15304 15311

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 conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land and §15311 – Accessory Structures. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Trail removal" (Class 4, Section 15304)
- "Construction or installation of additional public use facilities" (Class 11, Section 15311)

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