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Re: Response to Comments
Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)
Tin House Road Project at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park

Dear Shandell Frank:

Thank you for your comments during the public review period for the Tin House Road Project at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. Your interest in this project and the comments noted in your letter are very much appreciated and it is hoped that the following responses will help to answer your questions and concerns regarding this project.

- M1. The comment discusses Monterey County Coastal Development Permit Requirements located within Environmentally Sensitive Habitats. State Parks will submit a Biological Survey with our permit application. It will include long-term maintenance and demonstrate why the project will not diminish surface flow.
- M2. The comment discusses the requirement to prepare a Forest Management Plan for tree removal. The plan will be prepared and submitted with our permit application if necessary. It is currently uncertain whether any significant trees will need to be removed. No large trees will be removed. If the plan is prepared it will indicate the size, type and number of trees greater than 6" DBH to be removed.
- M3. The comment describes the requirement for preparation of an historical site survey on parcels containing an identified historical site. The project work does not extend to the vicinity of the Tin House which is considered an historical site, however, the Tin House Road itself is a potential historical feature associated with the Tin House. If required, the report will be completed and included with the permit application.
- M4. The comment discusses the requirement for an Archeological Survey Report. The report will be included with the permit application.

- M5. The comment discusses the need for the road to accommodate emergency vehicles and the amount and timing of construction traffic related to the project. This information will be included with the permit application.
- M6. The comment discusses the prohibition of development on 30% or greater slopes unless there is no feasible alternative. This issue will be addressed in the permit application.
- M7. The comment states that the County may specify working hours should construction noise become a concern for adjacent land uses. Comment noted. Thank you for the information.
- M8. The comment identifies an error in zoning designation in the MND. This error will be corrected. Thank you for the information.
- M9. See response M2
- M10. See response M8.
- M11. The comment identifies an error in a column heading. The error will be corrected. Thank you for the information.
- M12. The comment describes the requirement for a certified biologist to complete a pre-construction investigation. That requirement will be included in the permit application.
- M13. The comment states that in the Cultural Resources Section Mitigation Measures are incorrectly labeled as "Conditions." These measures are standard discovery provisions under which the project will be completed and are included in all of DPR's projects. They do not mitigate "a potentially significant impact identified in the Initial Study" (CCR Section 15369.5). These conditions are listed in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) to ensure that they are adequately conveyed to the construction manager and contractors.
- M14. The comment recommends including a reference to Mitigation Measure G-1 in the Hydrology and Water Quality section of the MND. This change will be made. Thank you for the suggestion.
- M15. See response M8.
- M16. The comment discusses suggested changes and additions to the MND Biological Resources and Land Use and Planning Sections. All the proposed changes and additions are consistent with the project design and intent and are hereby incorporated into the final MND.
- M17. The comment recommends discussion of impacts to fire personnel access. The permit application will include copies of correspondence from fire agencies indicating that access is adequate.
- M18. The comment identifies an error on MND page 46. That error will be corrected. Thank you for the information.

Again, thank you very much for your comments and please contact me if you have any further concerns.

Sincerely,

Jill Poudrette
District Environmental Coordinator