



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Colorado Desert District
200 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004-5005

PROJECT TITLE: Road Rehabilitation and Erosion Control – Timper-Patterson

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Tule Canyon Road and Terrwilliger Road

COUNTY: Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Rehabilitate an estimated 1.25 miles of illegally-graded dirt roads on the recently acquired Patterson Family Trust parcels in upper Coyote Canyon (eastern half of section 3, T8S, R4E), near Anza, and do the same to an estimated 2 miles of illegally-graded dirt roads within the recently acquired Timper parcels (northern half of section 29m T8S, R4E) also in upper Coyote Canyon, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Work will be done by a tracked excavator, and all work will take place within the existing dirt road footprint. Some vegetation will be removed as these “cut and fill” bench type roads will need to be pulled back into their natural origin. BMPs, i.e. straw waddle or silt barriers will only be used if the soil moisture is low and water is needed to provide compaction. The natural vegetation and ground cover will eliminate silt transportation. All historical drainages which ran through the road beds will be reconstructed and redirected to prevent future erosion in rehabilitated areas.

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: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class:* 4 *Section:* 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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