



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Inland Empire District  
17801 Lake Perris Drive  
Perris, CA 92571

**PROJECT TITLE:** Dark Canyon Clean-up, Mount San Jacinto SP (12/13-IE-12)

**LOCATION:** Mt. San Jacinto State Park      **COUNTY:** Riverside

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The purpose of this project is for the removal of invasive plant species, irrigation lines, cisterns, and other miscellaneous items (trash) in multiple locations damaged by illegal agricultural activity. The site will be repaired and rehabilitated back to its natural state with the use of hand tools. All invasive plants, irrigation lines, and trash will be removed by helicopter and will not disturb any other natural vegetation in the area. Any and all pesticides found in the area will be removed using the proper safety equipment and will be disposed of with the proper equipment.

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:** Inland Empire

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

Class: 4    Section(s): 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 specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The Project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Resource management projects” and “Stewardship projects” (Class 4, Section 15304)

**CONTACT:** Larrynn Carver, District Environmental Coordinator    **PHONE NO.:** (951) 453-4139  
 California Department of Parks & Recreation                      **EMAIL:** lcarver@parks.ca.gov  
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 Perris, CA 92571

  
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 Ron Krueper  
 District Superintendent, Inland Empire District

7/9/2013  
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 Date



## CEQA PROJECT COMPLETION VERIFICATION

TO: PM: Aaron Gray  
District PM: Bart Grant

DATE: June 27, 2013

FROM: Larrynn Carver, District Environmental Coordinator (DEC) (951-453-4139)  
Mike Yengling, Service Center Environmental Coordinator (SCEC) (619-221-7081)

PROJECT TITLE: Dark Canyon Clean-Up (12/13-IE-12)

PARK UNIT: Mount San Jacinto SP

DISTRICT: Inland Empire

This project is approved to proceed with the following measures incorporated and/or comments considered:

**Biological Resources (Kenneth Kietzer: 951-443-2407)**

1. A State Park Environmental Scientist will consult with the clean-up team to plan clean-up tactics such that this project has no negative environmental impacts.

**Water Quality Protection Measures**

1. None

**Archaeological Resource Protection Measures (Larrynn Carver: 951-453-4139)**

1. As the site has not been previously surveyed for archaeological resources, it will need to be surveyed prior to cleanup.

**Historical Resources Comments/Measures (Alex Bevil: 619-221-7041)**

1. None

As the Project Manager, you are responsible for ensuring that all project requirements, restrictions, or mitigations are adhered to. This includes reviewing all comments, briefing any staff and contractors who may work on the project, and coordinating the on-site presence of specialist staff, if required.

You are also responsible for verifying project completion. When the project is complete, please sign and date this form and return it to the DEC. Please note any problems or comments you may have concerning the project. If the project is cancelled or postponed for a significant period of time, please inform the DEC *as soon as possible*.

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**PROJECT MANAGER CERTIFICATION**

***I certify that this project has been completed in compliance with the above conditions.***

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PROJECT MANAGER SIGNATURE

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DATE

COMMENTS:

# PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

## PROJECT CONCEPT

PROJECT TITLE Dark Canyon Boundary Site Restoration		PARK UNIT NAME Mount San Jacinto
DISTRICT NAME Inland Empire		FACILITY NO. N/A
PROJECT MANAGER Aaron Gray	PHONE NO. 760-327-0222	EMAIL <a href="mailto:Aaron.Gray@parks.ca.gov">Aaron.Gray@parks.ca.gov</a>
DISTRICT PROJECT MANAGER Bart Grant	PHONE NO. 760-327-0222	EMAIL <a href="mailto:Bart.Grant@parks.ca.gov">Bart.Grant@parks.ca.gov</a>
PROJECT BID DATE	CONSTRUCTION START DATE Summer 2013	FUNDING SOURCE

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*Identify the scope of the project in detail, including its purpose, location, and potential impacts. If the ground is to be disturbed, describe the depth and extent of excavation. Describe the existing site conditions, including previous development. Note if work will impact or extend beyond park property. Indicate if work will be done in conjunction with, or as part of, other projects. (Use additional pages if necessary.)*

The purpose of this project is for the removal of invasive plant species, irrigation lines, cisterns, and other miscellaneous items (trash) in multiple locations within a one mile radius of UTM 11S 526479, 3740901. This section of the park was damaged by illegal agricultural activity that has taken place over the years. State Park personnel along with members of the National Guard Joint Task Force Counter Drug Unit will hike into the area on existing trails where possible. The goal at the site will be to repair and rehabilitate the area of the park back to its natural state with the use of hand tools. During the cleanup, we'll focus our efforts on removing all the invasive plants, irrigation lines, and trash by helicopter and will not disturb any other natural vegetation in the area. Any and all pesticides found in the area will be removed using the proper safety equipment and will be disposed of with the proper equipment.

We have designated two areas (see attached map) near the site that will be used as the staging area and possible landing zones for the National Guard helicopter that will be used during the operation.

### DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

- 7.5 minute (quad) map of project area (**Required**)
- Site Map (**Required** - Scale should show relationship to existing buildings, roads, landscape features, etc.)
- Graphics (Specify - **photos, diagrams, drawings, cross-sections, etc.**):
- Other (Specify):

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**REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

<i>IS AN APPLICATION, PERMIT, OR CONSULTATION REQUIRED?</i>	YES	MAYBE	NO	CONTACT
Coastal Development Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DFG Stream Alteration Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State & Federal Endangered Species Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corps of Engineers 404 Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RWQCB or NPDES Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DPR Right to Enter or Temporary Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRC 5024 Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Americans with Disabilities Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stormwater Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encroachment Permit ( <i>Specify Agency</i> ):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ( <i>Specify</i> ):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

**DEPARTMENT POLICY COMPLIANCE**

	YES	NO
<i>HAS A GENERAL PLAN BEEN APPROVED FOR THE UNIT?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, is the project consistent with the GP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If NO, what is the project justification?		
Is it a temporary facility? (No permanent resource commitment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Safety?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it a Resource Management Project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it repairing, replacing, or rehabilitating an existing facility?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>IS THE PROJECT WITHIN A CLASSIFIED SUBUNIT?</i>		
Natural Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State Wilderness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS MANUAL CHAPTER 0300?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

SUPERINTENDENT PROJECT CONCEPT APPROVAL OR DESIGNEE	TITLE	DATE
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**PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)**

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<b>RESOURCES</b>			
<i>Explain all 'Yes' or 'Maybe' answers in the "Evaluation and Comments" section (reference by letter and number). Attach additional pages, if necessary.</i>			
YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYBE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>A. EARTH – WILL THE PROJECT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create unstable soil or geologic conditions?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect topographic features?</li> <li>3. Adversely affect any unusual or significant geologic features?</li> <li>4. Increase wind or water erosion?</li> <li>5. Adversely affect sand deposition or erosion of a sand beach?</li> <li>6. Expose people, property, or facilities to geologic hazards or hazardous waste?</li> <li>7. Adversely affect any paleontological resource?</li> </ol>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYBE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>B. AIR – WILL THE PROJECT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adversely affect general air quality or climatic patterns?</li> <li>2. Introduce airborne pollutants that may affect plant or animal vigor or viability?</li> <li>3. Increase levels of dust or smoke?</li> <li>4. Adversely affect visibility?</li> </ol>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYBE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>C. WATER – WILL THE PROJECT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change or adversely affect movement in marine or fresh waters?</li> <li>2. Change or adversely affect drainage patterns or sediment transportation rates?</li> <li>3. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of groundwater?</li> <li>4. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of surface waters?</li> <li>5. Expose people or property to flood waters?</li> <li>6. Adversely affect existing or potential aquatic habitat(s)?</li> </ol>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYBE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>D. PLANT LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adversely affect any native plant community?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect any unique, rare, endangered, or protected plant species?</li> <li>3. Introduce a new species of plant to the area?</li> <li>4. Adversely affect agricultural production?</li> <li>5. Adversely affect the vigor or structure of any tree?</li> <li>6. Encourage the growth or spread of alien (non-native) species?</li> <li>7. Interfere with established fire management plans or practices?</li> </ol>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYBE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>E. ANIMAL LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adversely affect any native or naturalized animal population?</li> <li>2. Adversely affect any unusual, rare, endangered, or protected species?</li> <li>3. Adversely affect any animal habitat?</li> <li>4. Introduce or encourage the proliferation of any non-native species?</li> </ol>

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YES	MAYBE	NO	<b>F. CULTURAL RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT:</b> 1. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic archeological site? 2. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object? 3. Cause an adverse physical or aesthetic effect on an eligible or contributing building, structure, object, or cultural landscape? 4. Diminish the informational or research potential of a cultural resource? 5. Increase the potential for vandalism or looting? 6. Disturb any human remains? 7. Restrict access to a sacred site or inhibit the traditional religious practice of a Native American community?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

YES	MAYBE	NO	<b>G. AESTHETIC RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT:</b> 1. Adversely affect a scenic vista or view? 2. Significantly increase noise levels? 3. Adversely affect the quality of the scenic resources in the immediate area or park-wide? 4. Create a visually offensive site? 5. Be incompatible with the park design established for this unit or diminish the intended sense of "a special park quality" for the visitor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

YES	MAYBE	NO	<b>H. RECREATIONAL RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT:</b> 1. Be in a public use area? 2. Have an adverse effect on the quality of the intended visitor experience? 3. Have an adverse effect on the quality or quantity of existing or future recreational opportunities or facilities? 4. Have an adverse effect on the accessibility of recreational facilities (e.g., ADA requirements)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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**EVALUATION AND COMMENTS**

H. (1) This area of the park is located in the vicinity of hiking trail open for public use in the state wilderness

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**  
*To Be Completed by Qualified Specialist(s) ONLY.*  
 Attach additional reviews or continuation pages, as necessary.

ARCHEOLOGIST COMMENTS  No Significant Impact  Conditions, Mitigation  Potential Impact

As the site has not been previously surveyed for archaeological resources, it will need to be surveyed prior to cleanup.

SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME Larrynn Carver
TITLE ASA	DATE May 28, 2013

HISTORIAN COMMENTS  No Significant Impact  Conditions, Mitigation  Potential Impact

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME
TITLE	DATE

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<b>RESOURCE ECOLOGIST COMMENTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Significant Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions, Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Impact			
A State Park Environmental Scientist will consult with the clean-up team to plan clean-up tactics such that this project has no negative environmental impacts.			
SIGNATURE <i>Ken Kietzer</i>	PRINTED NAME Ken Kietzer		
TITLE SrES	DATE 6/20/2013		
<b>MAINTENANCE CHIEF/SUPERVISOR COMMENTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Significant Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions, Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Impact			
No significant maintenance impacts			
SIGNATURE <i>Lynn Earls-Holliday</i>	PRINTED NAME Lynn Earls-Holliday		
TITLE DMC III	DATE 6/17/13		
<b>OTHER SPECIALIST COMMENTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Significant Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions, Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Impact			
SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME		
TITLE	DATE		
<b>OTHER COMMENTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Significant Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions, Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Impact			
SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME		
TITLE	DATE		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR REVIEW</b>			
YES	MAYBE	NO	<b><u>CUMULATIVE IMPACTS</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Will the project be conducted in conjunction with or at the same time as other projects at the park?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Will the project be part of a series of inter-related projects?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Are there any other projects that must be completed for any part of this project to become operational?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Are there any other projects (including deferred maintenance) that have been completed or any probable future projects that could contribute to the cumulative impacts of this project?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Are any of the projects that relate to the proposed work outside the General Plan?
COMMENTS:			

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Not a project for the purposes of CEQA compliance.
- The project is exempt. A Notice of Exemption should be filed.
- A Negative Declaration should be prepared.
- A Mitigated Negative Declaration should be prepared.
- An EIR should be prepared.

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

Larrynn Carver

TITLE

DEC

DATE

7.9.13

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW

**COMMENTS:**

*I acknowledge any constraints placed on the project as a result of the specialists' comments above and recommend the project proceed.*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL SIGNATURE



TITLE

SPS IV

DATE

7/9/2013

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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Attach additional reviews or continuation pages, as necessary.*

**HISTORIAN COMMENTS**

No Impact                       Conditions, Mitigation                       Potential Significant Impact

The Proposed Project Area is outside the boundaries of the recently nominated Mt. San Jacinto State Park National Register of Historic Places Historic District.

Therefore, the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on the Park Unit's historic landscape features.

ADDITIONAL MEMO OR 5024 ATTACHED

SIGNATURE



PRINTED NAME

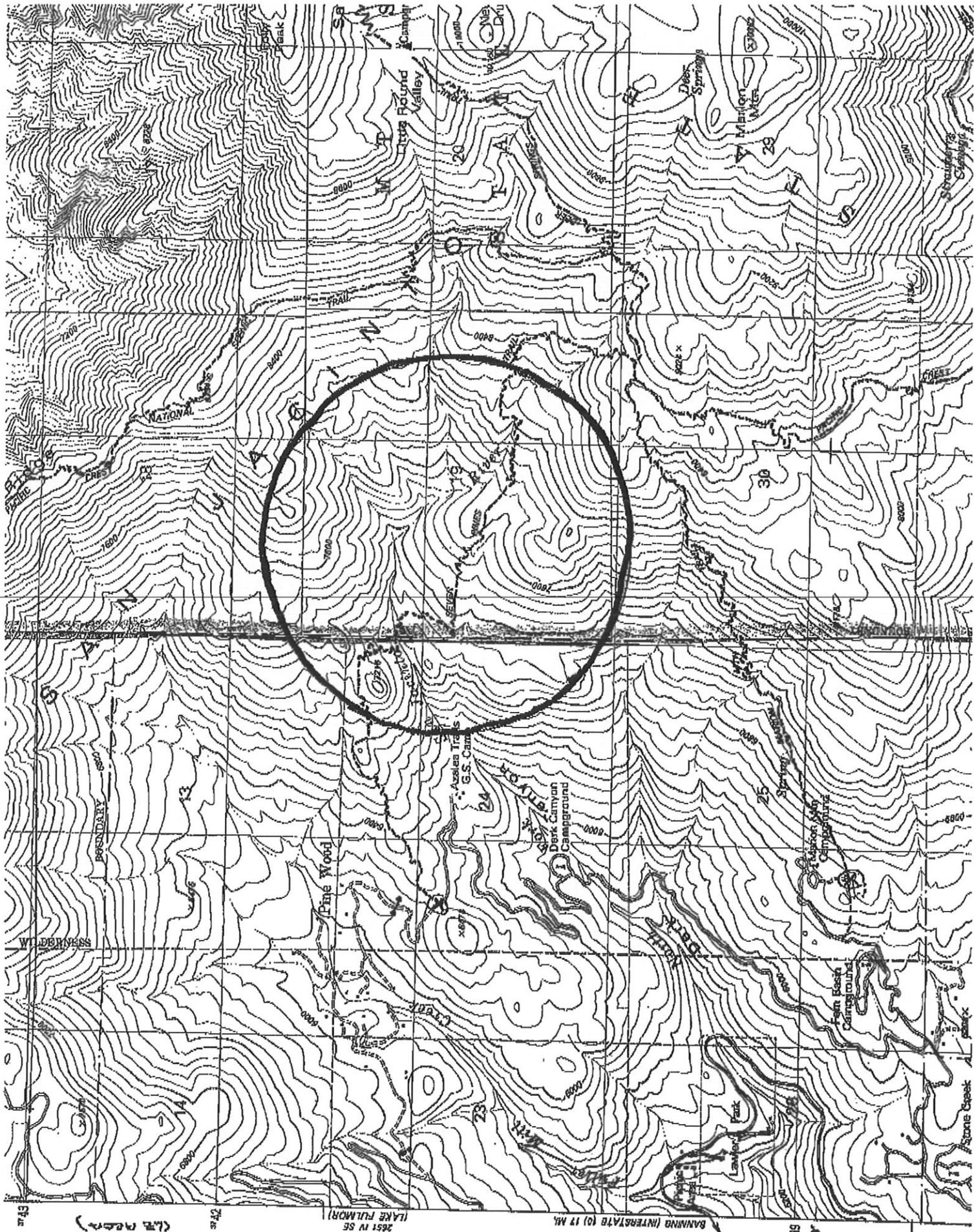
Alexander D. Bevil

TITLE

Historian II, So. Service Center

DATE

June 25, 2013



\* Multiple locations are located in wilderness areas  
 (see map)

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 (see map)

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Project ID No. 12/13-IE-12  
PCA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mount San Jacinto State Park  
Deer Springs/Fuller Ridge Site Restoration  
Photographs



- A. Irrigation lines
- B. Invasive plant

A

B

# PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

Mount San Jacinto State Park  
Deer Springs/Fuller Ridge Site Restoration  
Photograph



C. water collection area (cistern)

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D. Cut oak branches and plastic tarps

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F. Irrigation lines  
G. Invasive plant

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