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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Willow Creek Trail Repairs, Mt. San Jacinto SP (13/14-IE-2)
LOCATION: Mt. San Jacinto State Park **COUNTY: Riverside**
DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
The Mountain Fire at Mount San Jacinto State Park caused significant impacts to the Willow Creek trail and watershed, from the High Trail junction south to the park boundary. The damage will be exacerbated by impending winter rains. There are significant areas where protective ground surface vegetation is missing and already fire scared soils are migrating into sensitive endangered species habitat. Preparation needs to be made for potentially massive amounts of woody debris and water transported soils from the unstable hillsides. The trail will be stabilized and repaired to protect resources and correct safety hazards. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project, including cultural and natural resource consultation. 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: 1, 4 *Section(s):* 15301 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 CEOA §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEOA §15300.4 as:

- "Trail or road repairs" (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- "Trail construction or realignment", "Resource management projects" and "Stewardship projects" (Class 4, Section 15304)

The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4). The project will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters (Class 4(i)).
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