



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: Pile Burning – Carrizo Gorge

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Hwy. S-2 and Indian Gorge Road
COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Project will consist of placing dead tamarisk biomass into piles and burning. Work will include piling tamarisk that has already been cut or pulled out of the ground as well as cutting dead standing tamarisk throughout Carrizo Wash southwest of the S2 highway. Some existing piles will be moved away from existing native vegetation. Once piled, crews will burn piles in place under safe burning conditions.

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 vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is listed as "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" in the Department's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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