



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Filing of the Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2009061075

PROJECT TITLE: Round Valley Meadow and Stream Headcut Repair and Elevation Restoration

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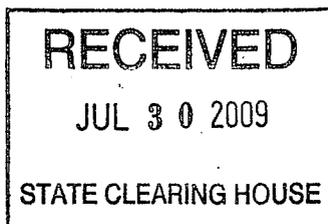
PROJECT LOCATION: Mount San Jacinto State Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Restore the hydrology of Round Valley meadow and the natural drainage/elevation pattern of an unnamed stream that is eroding deep into meadow subsoil. The project will temporarily authorize use of mechanized equipment for this project in State Wilderness; use a small backhoe-loader to borrow 700-800 yd³ topsoil and subsoil from about 1/2-acre upland and depositional sites; restore the eroded stream by placing and stabilizing borrowed material as fill in eroded gully; and restore the natural landscape through re-contouring and native plant revegetation.

This is to advise that the California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above project on July 30, 2009, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Inland Empire District Headquarters, located at 17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA, 92571.



Anthony I. Perez
Deputy Director
Park Operations

7-30-09

Date

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**INITIAL STUDY
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**MOUNT SAN JACINTO STATE PARK
ROUND VALLEY MEADOW AND STREAM
HEADCUT REPAIR AND ELEVATION RESTORATION
PROJECT**



JULY 2009

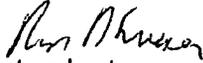


State of California
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Memorandum

Date : July 29, 2009

To : Anthony I. Perez
Deputy Director, Park Operations
California State Parks

From : Ron Krueper 
District Superintendent
Inland Empire District

Subject : Approval to Proceed: Round Valley Meadow/Stream Headcut Repair & Elevation
Restoration Project, Mount San Jacinto State Park Wilderness

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has promulgated Regulations in response to enactment of Assembly Bill 2945 (Chapter 689 of 2008). Consistent with and pursuant to the recent Amendment to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Division 3 Chapter 2 §4351.1(b), I request that you make findings that the Round Valley Headcut Repair and Elevation Restoration Project, within the State Wilderness of Mount San Jacinto State Park, is a Minimum Management Requirement. This project is briefly described below. Staff analysis to support such findings, prepared in conformance with Public Resources Code §4351.1(c), is attached. I have also attached my approval of this project in conformance with Department Operations Manual Section 0304.5.4.

A project is required to stop the continuing, unnatural erosion of the stream through the meadow, which threatens to down-cut further through and cause drying of virtually the entire Round Valley Meadow. A restoration of the degraded lower portion of Round Valley Meadow will be accomplished by borrowing nearby (on-site) native soil material to fill a gully created by past disturbance of the seasonal unnamed stream draining the meadow. The stream will be restored to a stable, natural course at its natural meadow surface elevation. The affected reach of meadow and stream totals about 300 feet in length and covers about 1/4-acre. Borrowed material will come from two nearby upland and depositional sites, one just under 1/10-acre and the other slightly over 1/3-acre; these areas will be stripped of an average of 12-14 inches of topsoil and the resultant 700-800 cubic yards of material will be used to fill the gully and restore natural meadow grade.

Excavation of the borrow areas and transport of material to the fill site will be accomplished using a Skidsteer or equivalent, a small backhoe-loader. The use of two such pieces of equipment will be required. This motorized equipment will be delivered to the Wilderness worksite, and later removed, by helicopter airlift. Compacting of fill material, salvage/harvest of logs and other large woody debris for construction of grade control structures, construction of short sections of log-rail fence, disposal of surplus woody debris (slash) by burning in small piles, and other hand

labor will be performed by California Conservation Corps crews during 3 extended backcountry "spike" assignments, each expected to be 10 days in duration.

The CCC crews will use hand tools (shovels, McLeods, etc.) and power tools (chain saws, compactors, weed-whackers), and will camp in existing primitive campsites near the worksite. Disturbed areas will be restored to a natural topographic appearance, and revegetated with native vegetation.

As Deputy Director of California State Parks, I have fairly and objectively reviewed the attached staff analysis and evaluation, and I find that a Minimum Management Requirement exists to implement the Round Valley Headcut Repair and Elevation Restoration Project, within the State Wilderness of Mount San Jacinto State Park. Therefore, by signature below, I authorize the implementation of this project as described above. I make these findings pursuant to the California Public Resources Code §4351.1(b).



Anthony I. Perez
Deputy Director, Park Operations

Date: 7-30-09

Attachments