



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Inspiration Loop trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Will Rogers State Historic Parks **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The goal of the project is to upgrade a segment of the Inspiration Loop Trail at Will Rogers State Historic Park to meet accessibility standards. Approximately 2160 ft of trail will be modified to meet accessibility standards. Specific upgrades and improvements include the following:

- Regrade existing cross slopes along the entire length of the project to achieve a 5% maximum cross slope (current grades exceed this).
- Minor longitudinal grade modifications at select areas along the existing alignment.
- Replacing a culvert to flatten longitudinal grades.
- Repairing several deficiencies at the intersection of the (single track) Inspiration Point Trail and Inspiration Loop Trail. This will include: building new crib steps on trail from parking lot in order to repair erosion, install new fencing to prevent trail cutting and bicycle damage, general regarding and drainage ditch improvements.
- Construct 3 overlooks that include bench seating.
- Install ADA trail signage at the trailhead.

The majority of the work will be confined to the existing trail/road limits. Some minor vegetation removal may be required at the overlook locations. Visitors can park at the main parking lot, and a motorized cart will provide transportation for disabled visitors to the trailhead.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Angeles

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption
Class: 1 & 3 Section(s): 15301 & 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.
There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)
Consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities (Class 3)

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