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Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Procedures to Implement Assembly Bill 628

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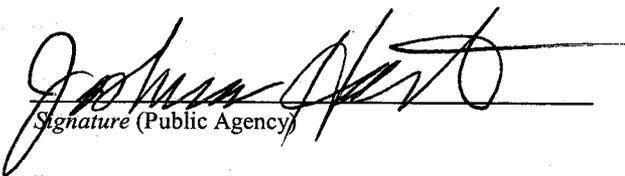
Project Location Countywide – on highways (streets and roads) part of the Inyo County Maintained Mileage System

Project Description: This environmental document is for the adoption of procedures to implement Assembly Bill 628. Assembly Bill 628 made revisions to the California Vehicle Code establishing a pilot project allowing Inyo County to designate certain County highways (streets and roads) as combined-use routes. The combined use routes allow the use of County streets and roads by Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) to connect OHV trail segments and recreation areas with necessary services and lodging facilities. Assembly Bill 628 requires the County to adopt procedures to implement Assembly Bill 628 before it can designate combined-use routes.

This is to advise that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on May 8, 2012 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
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 statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Public Works Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California and on the Internet at <http://www.inyoltc.org/ab628impl.html>.


Signature (Public Agency)

May 15, 2012

Date

Planning Director

Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form

Applicant Name: Inyo Co Public Works Department **Date Submitted:** 17 April 2012

Applicant Address: PO Drawer Q, Independence, CA 93526

Project Name: Inyo County Combined-Use Project Implementation Procedures (AKA Inyo County Adventure Trails Pilot Program Combined-Use Procedures)

CEQA Lead Agency: Inyo County

CEQA Document Type: Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration

SCH Number and/or local agency ID number: 2012011039

Project Location: County-wide - Inyo Count Maintained Mileage road system

Brief Project Description: The applicant is seeking approval, per AB 628, to establish a pilot project to designate combined-use highways on unincorporated county roads. The combined-use highways can link existing off-highway motor vehicle trails and trailheads on federal BLM or USFS land. Unincorporated county roads includes approximately 1,124 miles of (paved and unpaved) road. The project proposes implementation of the pilot project system-wide; however, designation of each roadway segment will require action by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at a public hearing and if subsequent consideration of a combined-use route reveals a potentially significant environmental impact that was not included in the ISMND, the combined-use segment will require a separate environmental evaluation.

Determination: Based on review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Game has determined, for purposes of CEQA filing fees [F&G Code 711.4(c)], the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife and habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records; you are required to file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk after your project is approved and at the time of filing of the CEQA lead agency's Notice of Determination (NOD). If you do not file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid No Effect Determination Form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFG Approval By: D. Hawk
Title: Environmental Scientist

Date: 9 May 2012