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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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 County of Inyo
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From: (Public Agency) Inyo County Planning Department
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Project Title: Amargosa River Trail Extension

Project Location - Specific: China Ranch and nearby lands (trailhead located in T.19N, R.7E., Section 35)

Project Location - City: South of Tecopa, CA

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project supplements Amargosa River trail access from China Ranch, a privately owned parcel, into the Amargosa Canyon on federally managed land, southward three miles along the Wild stretch of the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River (including various amenities and other improvements at the trailhead, selective removal of invasive species and surveys for federally listed birds, and periodic maintenance).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amargosa Conservancy and Bureau of Land Management with grant funds from the State of California

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical (Sec. 21084; 15301, 15303, 15304, 15333);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves development of structures and other improvements not requiring discretionary approval at China Ranch, consistent with the project classes deemed exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15268. The other proposed trail improvements, habitat enhancements, and management activities are consistent with the exemption classes specified by CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, and 15333. None of the exceptions specified by CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency: Inyo County
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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: 
 Joshua Hart, AICP

Date: 7/2/14

Date received for filing at OPR:

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