



PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Location: Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (ODSVRA) adjacent to the community of Oceano off State Route 1 in San Luis Obispo County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division proposes the following riparian maintenance activities to facilitate resource protection at Pismo State Beach and ODSVRA.

1. **Culvert Maintenance.** Culverts would be cleaned of debris, vegetation, and sediment on an as needed basis. Culverts would be cleaned manually or, for larger jobs, using a back-hoe. The clean out would occur at the following sites: two culverts at Oso Flaco Lake; two culverts at Meadow Creek Access Road; and eleven culverts at Meadow and Carpenter Creeks North Beach Campground.
2. **Spillway Maintenance at Pismo Lake.** Routine maintenance of the spillway is occasionally needed to remove vegetation and other debris blocking the spillway. The work would involve manual removal of tule root balls, dead or downed woody material, and other debris or sedimentation in the spillway.
3. **Riparian Tree and Shrub Maintenance.** This activity would involve removing dead and downed trees; trimming obstructing or damaged limbs less than four inches in diameter, and trimming the tree canopies. Shrubs would be cut up to four feet from the edge of the road, path, or trail. This work would happen at: the Oso Flaco Natural Area, Oceano Lagoon, and Meadow Creek (North Beach Trail, Maintenance Yard, and Ranger Station).
4. **Emergent Species Control.** This activity would involve the management of the growth of emergent plants within Meadow Creek and Carpenter Creek to prevent the choking up of the creek by the vegetation and allow water to move through the creeks unhindered.
5. **Exotic Species Control.** This activity would involve the removal or management of exotic pest plants including: Cape ivy, Boston/English ivy, Pampas grass, and Italian thistle from within the riparian plant community. This work would happen at: the Oso Flaco Natural Area, Oceano Lagoon, and Meadow Creek.

The project would affect an annual maximum of approximately 0.30 acres of wetlands for culvert removal, debris and sediment removal, and emergent vegetation removal. Approximately two miles of vegetation would be subject to riparian tree maintenance and spot treatment to control exotic weeds.

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Comment Period: In accordance with CEQA, CDPR is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis described in the Mitigated Negative Declaration/ Initial Study (MND/IS) for the project. The public comment period begins on October 4, 2012, and ends on November 3, 2012, at 5 p.m. No public meeting will be held. CDPR shall consider the IS and all written comments received by the close of the comment period prior to deciding whether to adopt the MND and approve the project.

Document Availability:

The MND/IS and all documents referenced therein are available for the 30-calendar day public review and comment period. During the review period, copies of the MND/IS and all documents will be available for review at the following locations:

- Oceano Dunes District Office
340 James Way, Ste. 270
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Contact – Ronnie Glick
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- Electronic copies of all documents can be viewed and downloaded from CDPR's website at ohv.parks.ca.gov, on the Oceano Dunes District link.

How to Comment: Interested parties may provide written comments on the MND/IS, which must be **received** by CDPR no later than 5 p.m. on November 3, 2012. Written comments on the MND/IS may be provided by email to rglick@parks.ca.gov or be sent via U.S. mail or fax to the following address/fax number:

Attn: Ronnie Glick
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