## PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION United States Forest Service (USFS), Sierra National Forest High Sierra Ranger District Red Mountain OHV Staging Area Project

*Lead Agency:* California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division

**Project Description:** The OHMVR Division proposes to award grant funds to the Sierra National Forest to construct a one-acre OHV staging area in the High Sierra Ranger District in Fresno County, California. The project would include parking for up to 15 OHV trucks and trailers, a double-vault toilet, 7 day-use picnic sites, informational signs, and pedestrian pathways. The project is needed to address dispersed parking along road 8S10 or 8S42, which results in safety issues, resource concerns, range conflicts, and traffic congestion. The existing user-created staging areas would be closed after project construction.

**Project Location:** The project site is located within a one-acre site in the Sierra National Forest, at the junction of Forest Service Roads 8S10 and 8S42, in Fresno County, California. SR 168 is about 2 miles to the west of the site, and Chinese Peak (a ski resort) is about 1 mile to the northeast of the site.

*Review Period:* The public comment period begins on June 6, 2025 and ends on July 7, 2025 at 5 p.m. No public meeting will be held.

**Document Availability:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) can be viewed and downloaded on the OHMVR Division's website on the CEQA Notices page: <a href="https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=26379">https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=26379</a>.

*How to Comment:* Written comments must be received by CDPR no later than 5 p.m. on July 7, 2025. Written comments on the IS/MND may be provided by email to <u>OHMVR.EnvComp@parks.ca.gov</u>. Please put "Red Mountain" in the subject line. Written comments may also be sent via U.S. mail to the following address:

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