

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
United States Forest Service (USFS), Tahoe National Forest
American River Ranger District
China Wall OHV Staging Area Expansion / Loops 5 and 6 Reroutes 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 Tahoe National Forest to expand the existing China Wall Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Over Snow Vehicle Staging Area (China Wall) by 61,200 square feet to provide for approximately 24 vehicle/trailer combinations, and to construct 6 reroutes that would replace 4.5 miles of existing unsustainable trail in the Sugar Pine OHV trail system on Loop 5 (T15N, R11E, Sec. 10, 11, 13, & 14) and Loop 6 (T15N, R11E, Sec. 25, 35, & 36). The China Wall OHV Staging Area Expansion (China Wall SA Expansion) would re-pave existing parking areas; pave the expanded area to match existing paved areas; remove and replace the existing and outdated double-unit concrete vault restroom and install one new double-unit concrete vault toilet; install two bear proof garbage cans; construct a connector trail to OHV Loop 5 (11E43), approximately 50 feet in distance; install barriers, such as large boulders, around the edge of the expanded parking area to restrict use outside and define the boundaries of the expanded area; fell and remove approximately 200 trees; and install additional signage, to include an informational kiosk and directional parking signs. Loops 5 and 6 are single-track trails open to motorcycles and nonmotorized users only. The Loops 5 and 6 Reroutes involve flagging reroute sections, cutting the primary corridor, constructing the new trail alignment, and diverting riders to the newly aligned trail segments using barriers and signage.

Project Location: The project site is located within the American River Ranger District (ARRD) of the TNF in Placer County, California. China Wall Staging Area is located about 12 miles northeast of Foresthill. Loop 5 is located to the northeast and Loop 6 is to the south of China Wall SA.

Review Period: The public comment period begins on June 16, 2025 and ends on July 16, 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:
https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26379.

How to Comment: Written comments must be received by CDPR no later than 5 p.m. on July 16, 2025. Written comments on the IS/MND may be provided by email to OHMVR.EnvComp@parks.ca.gov. Please put "China Wall" in the subject line. Written comments may also be sent via U.S. mail to the following address:

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