



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Upper Lake, CA 95485

February 28, 2014

STAFF REPORT: Eastern Kern County Acquisition
STAFF: Dan Canfield, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Eastern Kern County Acquisition Update

Summary

On October 3, 2013, the OHMVR Division approved the Eastern Kern County Acquisition (EKCA) project and adopted the EKCA Environmental Impact Report (EIR) findings including a statement of overriding considerations. The Notice of Determination for the EKCA EIR was filed with the State Clearinghouse on October 4, 2013 (see Attachment 1).

On October 18, 2013, California's Public Works Board approved the EKCA project for site selection. This approval allowed the OHMVR Division to begin property acquisition negotiations. The acquisition is currently in the negotiations phase.

Discussion

The OHMVR Division is in ongoing negotiations to acquire 50 privately-owned parcels (approximately 25,000 acres) in eastern Kern County, California, from ReNu Resources, LLC. The proposed acquisition lands are due west of Red Rock Canyon State Park and are interspersed in checkerboard fashion amongst land owned primarily by the Bureau of Land Management (see Attachment 2).

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the OHMVR Division circulated a Draft EIR for the EKCA project from February 15, 2013 through April 1, 2013. On October 3, 2013, the OHMVR Division approved the acquisition project and adopted the EIR findings including a statement of overriding considerations. Additionally, the OHMVR Division adopted the Eastern Kern Country Property Acquisition Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan. The Final EIR and associated documents can be reviewed at the project website: www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/kern-county-acq.

Commission Action

For information only

Attachments

Attachment 1: Eastern Kern County Acquisition EIR Notice of Determination
Attachment 2: Eastern Kern County Acquisition Parcel Map

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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County Clerk
County of:
Address:

From:

Public Agency: CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division
Address: 46001 Orwin Way Gorman, CA 93243
Contact: Jeff Gaffney
Phone: 661-248-7007

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

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

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2012091066

Project Title: Eastern Kern County Property Acquisition

Project Location (include county): Kern County, near Cantil

Project Description:

The OHMVR Division is proposing to acquire up to 59 privately-owned parcels (approximately 28,275 acres) in eastern Kern County, California, from ReNu Resources, LLC. The parcels are interspersed with lands owned by the Bureau of Land Management in the western Mojave Desert, approximately 20 miles north of Mojave and west of State Route 14. Off-highway vehicle recreation occurs on many of the parcels, largely on designated roads and trails. The project comprises purchase and management of the parcels for recreation and resource protection.

This is to advise that the CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division has approved the above described project on October 3, 2013 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

- 1. The project [X] will [] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] 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 [X] were [] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [X] was [] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

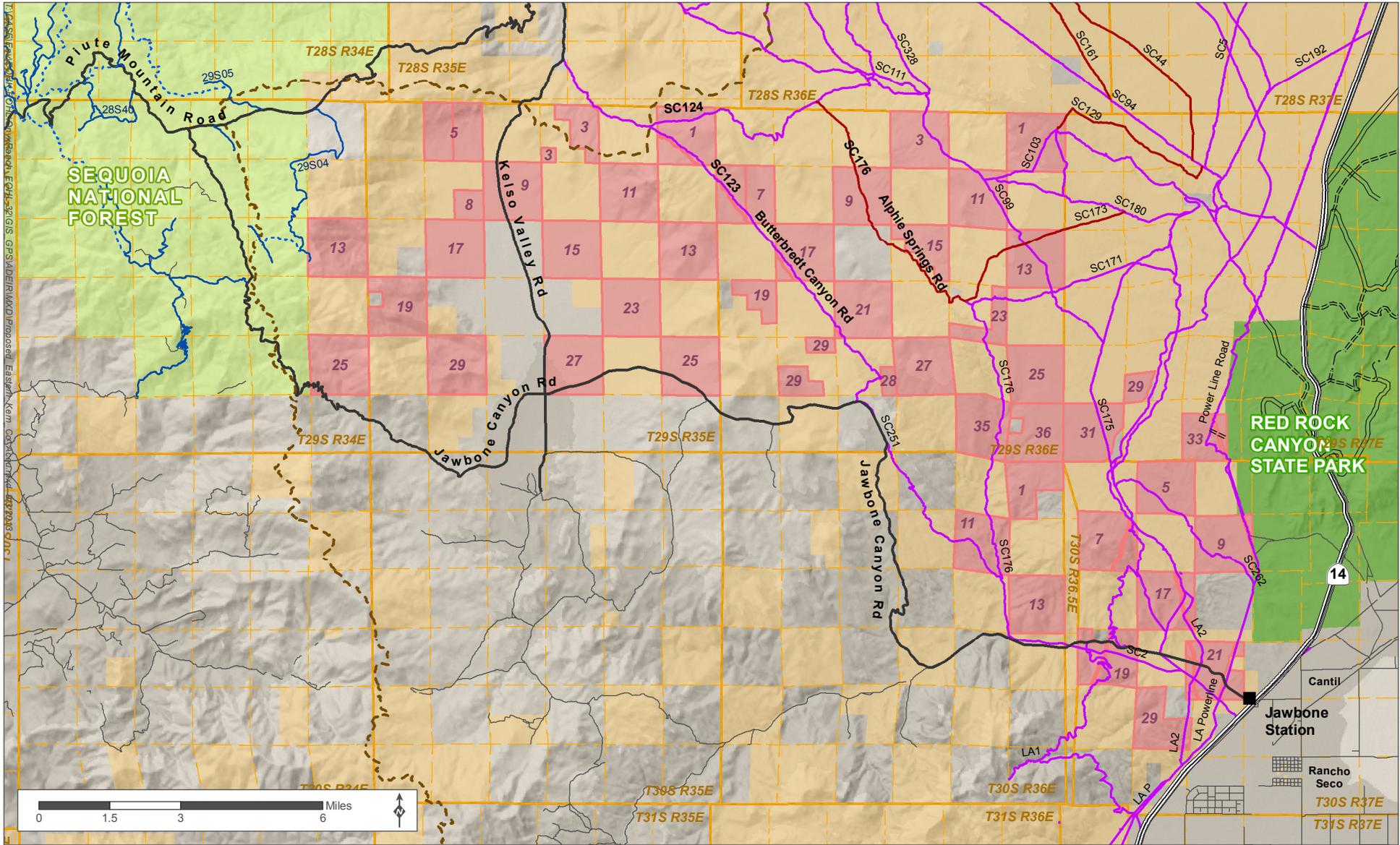
This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division, 46001 Orwin Way Gorman, CA 93243

Signature (Public Agency) Title Deputy Director, OHMVR Division

Date 10-4-2013 Date Received for filing at OPR

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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.



Source: Bureau of Land Management, CalTrans, TRA, Kern County, California Department of Parks and Recreation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Visitor Center ══ State Route — Local Roads — Other Local Roads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Proposed Parcel Acquisition (Labeled by Section Number) — Public Land Survey Sections (with Township and Range) ■ Bureau of Land Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- National Forest System Motorized Vehicle Trails — National Forest System Roads BLM Designated Routes: — ATV & MC Routes — 4 Wheel Drive Routes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Rock Canyon State Park Routes — Dirt Road (Primary) === 4-WD Recommended · · · 4-WD |
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