

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Location:** Eldorado National Forest, Pacific Ranger District: Barrett Lake 4WD Trail (Forest Trail 16E21) approximately one mile north of Wrights Lake

**Project Description:** The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR Division) proposes to award grant funds to the Eldorado National Forest for construction of a bridge on the Barrett Lake 4WD Trail and the reroute of the existing trail to connect with the new bridge. A 45- to 50-foot-long wood and steel bridge would be constructed to span the Jones Fork of Silver Creek, replacing the current wet creek crossing of the creek (where vehicles drive through the creek). Approximately 0.5 miles of new trail would be constructed to connect the bridge with the existing trail alignment. Most of the new trail and the bridge would be located on granite outcroppings to minimize vegetation disturbance. The purpose of the project is to reduce sediment delivery to the Jones Fork of Silver Creek resulting from the existing wet crossing, while still providing for a high quality motorized trail experience. The project also includes restoration of the 0.4 mile segment of trail that would be abandoned, and creation of a small (2-3 car) parking area in a disturbed area south of the creek. The parking area would provide pedestrian access to the creek.

**Project Applicant:** Eldorado National Forest  
Pacific Ranger District  
7887 Highway 50  
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

**Comment Period:** In accordance with CEQA, the OHMVR Division is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis described in the IS/MND for the project. The public comment period begins on September 7, 2012 and ends on October 8, 2012 at 5 p.m. No public meeting will be held. The OHMVR Division 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 IS/MND and all documents referenced therein are available for the 30-calendar day public review and comment period. During the review period, copies of the IS/MND and all documents will be available for review at the following locations:

- CDPR, OHMVR Division  
1725 23rd Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
Contact – George MacDougall  
Phone – (916) 324-3788  
Email – gmacdougall@parks.ca.gov
- Eldorado National Forest  
Pacific Ranger District  
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Contact – Charis Parker, Resource Officer  
Phone – (530) 647-5430
- Electronic copies of all documents can be viewed and downloaded from the OHMVR Division's website at [ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov), on the CEQA/EIR Notices link.

***How to Comment:*** Interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/MND, which must be **received** by the OHMVR Division no later than 5 p.m. on October 8, 2012. Written comments on the IS/MND may be provided by email to [gmacdougall@parks.ca.gov](mailto:gmacdougall@parks.ca.gov) or sent via U.S. mail or fax to the following address/fax number:

- Attn: George MacDougall  
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For further information, please call George MacDougall, Grant Administrator, at (916) 324-3788.