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**COUNTY
OF
INYO**

Date: January 18, 2012

Project Title: Inyo County Adventure Trails Pilot Program Procedures

Affected Agency:

Inyo County is the lead agency for the above project and has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 21000 *et. seq.* of Public Resources Code). Your agency has been identified as either being potentially affected by the proposed project, a trustee or responsible agency under CEQA, or has particular expertise in some aspect of the project.

The enclosed Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration describes the proposed project, location and a description of any mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate any potentially significant adverse impacts. Also enclosed is a copy of the Initial Study and project plans that form the basis for the findings in the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

You are asked to review the enclosed document and evaluate the potential adverse impacts of the project as it pertains to your area of responsibility and expertise. Comments may be submitted in the form of additional information, needs for future studies, and recommended mitigation measures designed to assist Inyo County in carrying out its responsibilities under CEQA.

Section 21080(c) of Public Resource Code requires any recommendation for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report to be backed by substantial evidence in the record. Should you recommend any specific mitigation measures, Section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code requires your agency to also submit a recommended mitigation monitoring program to ensure implementation.

All comments on this Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than February 18, 2012. Inyo County is not required to respond to comments received after this date.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the project planner who is listed in the attached Initial Study at the phone number listed at the top of this page.

Sincerely,

Courtney Smith, Project Planner