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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Inyo County Eastern California Museum Expansion

Notice is hereby given that an Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) have been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and are available for public review for:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2015-02; Zoning Reclassification (ZR) 2015-02/ Inyo County Eastern California Museum

The applicant has applied for a GPA to "Public Facilities" and ZR to "Public" allowing for expansion at the Inyo County Eastern California Museum. The project site is located in Independence on the grounds of the Museum at 155 N. Grant Street. The project involves construction of a proposed 3,000 square foot metal building that will serve to store, maintain, and display engine #18 (as an operational exhibit) and other railroad artifacts on the Eastern California Museum site. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of fill will be used to create a pad for the proposed building. Interior improvements may include: a concrete slab, work bench and other equipment for maintenance and restoration work, bathroom facilities, break/meeting room, two track lines, electrical outlets/lighting, etc. Approximately 130 lineal feet of track will be laid in the structure and approximately 1,000 lineal feet outside. Proposed functional main tract will run northeast to southwest splitting into two spurs prior to entering the structure. An additional spur heads North/northeast towards the existing museum building.

The 30-day public comment period for the Draft MND begins on December 7, 2015 and expires on January 6, 2016. During this period comments may be submitted regarding the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date. Written comments and all questions should be addressed to the Inyo County Public Works Department, P.O. Box "Q", Independence, CA. 93526, faxed to (760) 878-0382, or email dfortney@inyocounty.us. Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this project are available from review at the Inyo County Public Works Department (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), County libraries, and the Inyo County Planning Department's website (<http://inyoplanning.org/projects.htm>)

A public hearing to consider recommending approval of the environmental document to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for the Inyo County Planning Commission meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The meeting will begin at **10:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Room at the Inyo County Administrative Center at 224 North Edwards Street in Independence, CA.** All interested persons are encouraged to attend and be heard.