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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Inyo County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Wednesday, February 24th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, to consider the following:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2015-02; Zoning Reclassification (ZR) 2015-02/ Inyo County Eastern California Museum and associated Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The project site is located in Independence on the grounds of the Eastern California 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 will head north/northeast towards the existing museum building. To better reflect on-site uses, the County proposes a GPA from "Open Space and Recreation (OSR)" to "Public Facilities (PF)" and ZR from "Open Space – 40 acre minimum (OS-40)" to "Public (P)". The Planning Commission will consider recommending that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approve the GPA and ZR.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's CEQA Procedures, a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project was circulated for public review from December 7, 2015 to January 6, 2016. All potential impacts are expected to be less than significant; mitigation measures are identified for noise and cultural resources to reduce potential impacts to less than significant. The Planning Commission will consider recommending that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors adopt the MND.

If you challenge any finding, determination or decision made regarding these projects in court, you may be limited to raising only the issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the hearing.

Please contact the Inyo County Planning Department if you have any questions regarding these projects at the Courthouse Annex, in Independence during business hours, or phone (760) 878-0263. Project materials are posted on the Planning Department website at: www.inyoplanning.org under "Current Projects."