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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Inyo County CEQA Procedures, and are available for public review for the following application:

Laws Museum Track Expansion Project

The project consists of the restoration of approximately 0.7-miles or 3,700-feet of existing railroad grade and re-laying railroad track for a visitor use railcar. The restoration of the existing RR grade directly south of the Laws Museum grounds will connect to the track currently being used for visitor rides and education. The new track will run to just short of the McNally Return Ditch (aka Laws Ditch) and will not cross it. This will make the total distance of the train car rides approximately 1.25-miles. The rides currently run every other weekend and some holidays for private events.

The 30-day review period for this Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact begins on June 22, 2022 and expires on July 22, 2022. During this period comments may be submitted regarding the Initial Study and 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 Planning Department at P.O. Drawer "L," Independence, CA 93526, faxed to (760) 878-0382, or emailed to inyoplanning@inyocounty.us.

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this project are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), County libraries, and the Inyo County Planning Department's website at www.inyoplanning.org.