

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019049056

Project Title: 2019 Wolf Creek Trunk Line, Greater Prairie Creek Ecosystem (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0795-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project affects three road segments in the vicinity of Stewart Creek and North Fork Gualala River, approximately seven miles northeast of Gualala, in the County of Mendocino, State of California; Sections 28,33, Township 12N, Range 14W; Sections 4,10,11,13, Township 11N, Range 14W; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the McGuire Ridge, Calif. U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The Project is located just downstream from the Elk Prairie Campground, just north of the Town of Orick at or near the following coordinates Lat 41°21'18"N, Long 124°2'21"W, Humboldt County, State of California; Section 15, Township 11N, Range 1E, Humboldt Base and Meridian, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle. The entire Project occurs on Assessor's Parcel Number 519-152-002.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) and National Park Service (NPS) are proposing replacement of three existing 24-inch culverts and one bridge installation along the Wolf Creek Trunk Line located in the Greater Prairie Creek (GPC) project area (Figure 1 of the Application). The existing 24-inch culverts will be replaced with culverts that will pass 100-year storm flows, which will provide long-term benefits to water quality by reducing sediment delivery associated with the replaced culverts. The culvert replacement is planned to occur between October 1-15, 2019.

The project includes replacing approximately 440 feet of 24-inch culvert piping with 260 feet of 24-inch corrugated plastic pipe (CPP), 60 feet of 36-inch CPP, 80 feet of 48-inch CPP, and 40 feet of 72-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP). These lengths include pipe couplers. Replacement requires removal of current fill and debris and replacement with clean backfill of approximately 6,000 tons placed at the original channel grade. All fill and debris would be removed to the original channel depth. The culvert will be placed at the original channel grade and the area would be backfilled with clean rock. Excavation and fill quantities are detailed in Table 1 of the Application.

An existing bridge will be replaced in the location shown on North Fork Streelow Creek (Figure 1). There is currently a failing log stringer bridge at this location. The existing bridge was constructed by spanning the creek with large logs, and then covering them with soil. The logs are rotting and the fill on top of the logs are eroding into the creek. As part of the bridge replacement, soil will be removed from the bridge and the logs and debris will be cleared. The new bridge is an 80-foot-long modular panel bridge (i.e. Bailey Bridge) which will completely span the creek and active floodplain. The new footings for the bridge will be installed on the existing road prism beyond the creek. The new bridge will be placed across the span using rollers. This method will allow the bridge to be installed from one side without entering the channel.

Road brushing will be necessary to access these areas. This includes removal of all shrubs and trees to provide unobstructed travel along the road corridor. The proposed activities are part of the larger GPC Ecosystem Restoration Project, which entails forest and aquatic restoration and road removal activities over 9,200 acres within the GPC watersheds. Activities proposed pursuant to this Agreement, will occur during dry conditions, which will minimize impacts to aquatic organisms.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on September 24, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
- 2. CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature

Date:

10/10/19

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Date Received for filing at OPR: OCT 10 2019

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