

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Reef Terrace Prescribed Fire

LOCATION: Fort Ross State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Use prescribed fire to burn approximately 138 acres of grasslands and brush on the bluff terrace south and west of Reef Campground in Fort Ross State Historic Park to reduce encroachment of brush into grassland habitat, and reintroduce the natural cycle of fire into the landscape. Work will include mowing to create control lines where needed. Firing operations will be a collaborative effort between California Department of Parks and Recreation and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and if possible, members of the Pomo Kashia and local volunteer fire departments. Frequency of the prescribed fire may be annually, every several years, or greater, depending on the conditions of the vegetation and the availability of personnel and resources for prescribed fires.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sonoma Mendocino Coast District

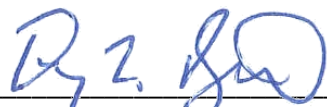
EXEMPT STATUS:

X Categorical Exemption Class: 1 & 4 Sections: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels included as "Prescribed burns" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and the minor public alteration in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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