



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
Recreation

1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and

Diablo Range District
15751 Tesla Road
Livermore, CA 94550

PROJECT TITLE: Fremont Peak Prop. 68 Project

LOCATION: Fremont Peak State Park (<https://goo.gl/maps/G4gKm1UMVa2gPzAg6>)

COUNTY: San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Reduce fuels and conduct vegetation modification and defensible space work on approximately 32 acres within Fremont Peak State Park to manage fuel loads, create defensible space and to promote wildfire resiliency; perform basic maintenance on the 2.6 miles of trail network to improve visitor safety and experience; and complete basic improvements within the park's campgrounds to further improve visitor experience. Defensible space and vegetation management work will occur within the defensible space zone of 130 feet from structures and within 10' of the public roadways. Work will be completed by members of the California Conservation Corps (CCC). CCC crew members will use hand or power tools to complete the following:

For Vegetation Modification and Fuels Reduction:

- Remove dead trees and live trees with poor vigor or structure;
- Thin remaining trees and shrubs;
- Remove ladder fuels by pruning the branches on trees and shrubs up to 10 feet above ground;
- Remove, chip, and/or pile burn all downed woody fuel greater than 1-inch diameter;
- Lop and scatter twigs less than 1-inch diameter;
- Remove dead organic matter and/or plant parts on, under, or in contact with any structures; and
- Cut grass to 4 inches high or less.

For trail maintenance and campground improvements, work will:

- Fill in ruts, remove berms and repair existing trail features; and
- As needed, paint campground facilities, replace signs, and complete basic cleanup at campsites.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Range District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class:* 4 *Section:* 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alterations of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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