NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: North Coast Redwoods District Road Maintenance Program

LOCATION: Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Parks, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct road maintenance activities in Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park (Redwood National and State Parks) to protect resources, correct poor drainage, maintain the transportation infrastructure, and maintain access to front country and backcountry areas within the park units. Within each of the three (3) State Parks work will include:

- Drainage structure improvements (prior to reconstruction, replacement, or removal, an on-site evaluation will be made by qualified staff to determine whether the previous structure was appropriate for the site or if another conveyance structure would function better. No more than two (2) drainage structures per kilometer of stream length will be routinely reconstructed or replaced per year unless condition thresholds are exceeded. If a drainage structure exhibits signs of imminent failure it may be treated regardless of proximity to other recently reconstructed drainage structures.);

- Road brushing (removal of vegetation from the roadbed, drainage ditch, cutslope, and fillslope);

- Road grading (smooth out a roadbed to provide a suitable driving surface that is uniform and drains evenly to reduce accumulation and concentration of runoff that causes erosion), realignment (where feasible) and road surface shaping and rocking; and

- The clearing and/or reconstruction of drainage ditches as needed.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS: ☑ Categorical Exemption  Class: 1, 2, 3 & 4  Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use beyond current levels; the replacement or reconstruction of existing structure and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and structures; and the minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is included as "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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