State of California **Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

FROM:

Department of Parks and Recreation

1400 Tenth Street

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Bike Jump Removal and Restoration in Browns Ravine Area

LOCATION: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

COUNTY: El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove and rehabilitate illegal user-created bike jumps and approximately 2,835 linear feet of associated unauthorized trails in the area between Mormon Island Cove and Brown's Ravine within Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, to reduce the spread of invasive species and ensure protection of wildlife. Trail removal and restoration will involve obliterating berms and earthen jumps, de-compacting tread and re-contouring the trail bed to match surrounding topography. Project will utilize a mini excavator or SWECO and hand crews. Following tread restoration, native organic material (e.g. logs, branches, leaf litter, etc.) will be spread across restored area to discourage trail use and minimize erosion in disturbed areas. Temporary soil stabilization measures, such as straw mulch, may be necessary in some areas if native material is unavailable or inadequate. Revegetation with native seed may also be considered if surrounding vegetation does not re-populate disturbed areas.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District

EXEMPT STATUS:

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Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and is included as "Trail removal and 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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