



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Indian Creek Nature Loop Trail Bridge Replacement

LOCATION: Castle Crags State Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Realign a segment of the Indian Creek Nature Loop Trail to construct a new pedestrian bridge upstream of the current pipe bridge that is removed by November 1st and reinstalled by May 1st every year due to winter precipitation. The new bridge will be permanently installed outside the ordinary high-water mark of Indian Creek, to maintain year-round use of the trail. Work will:

- Remove 50 trees under 8" diameter within the realigned trail corridor, to be used on trail construction, access and to reduce fuel loads;
- Excavate three (3), 5' x 5' pads 24" deep to construct three (3) abutments comprised of locally sourced rock and mortar;
- Construct a 100' long by 5' wide pedestrian bridge consisting of a 70' stringer spanning the banks of Indian Creek and a 30' stringer spanning the low area on the east side of the creek;
- Construct 100' by 3' of new turnpike trail using locally felled 8" diameter cedar trees, buried approximately 3" deep along the trail border, to direct the existing trail to the new pedestrian bridge;
- Construct six (6) puncheons along the new trail and replace one (1) existing puncheon ranging from 8' to 15' long and 6" deep using locally sourced cedar trees;
- Import approximately 8yds of decomposed granite or gravel for use on puncheons and low laying area;
- Slash existing trail to discourage continued use.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the demolition and removal of individual small public structures involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is included as "trail construction or realignment and trail removal" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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