



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

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: Jones Bar Trail Repair, Alignment, and Reconstruction South Yuba River State Park

LOCATION: South Yuba River State Park

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Reconstruct the Jones Bar Trail (destroyed during the Jones Fire Wildfire Incident of August of 2020*) to a new alignment in order to establish a safe and sustainable route of travel for the public, control water drainage, and reduce sediment flow to Rush Creek and the South Yuba River at South Yuba River State Park. Work will begin immediately to prevent additional resource damage from visitor created waytrails that often travel straight downhill and lead to erosion issues.

- Use a mini excavator, power wheelbarrows, hand tools, and crews to re-build a 2,700 foot long by four (4) foot wide single track trail between the Independence Trail and Rush Creek;
- Total project area is 16,200 square feet or 0.37 acres;
- All excavated material will be used onsite by either incorporating it into the full bench trail construction, or spread in the fill slope below the full bench;
- No fill will be brought on site;
- All equipment will be staged and maneuvered on existing disturbance or new trail tread alignment. No new impact or disturbance outside of the trail footprint will be needed or created for this project;
- Approximately 150-200 small diameter trees (<10" DBH) will be removed along the trail corridor;
 - All removed trees will be approved by the Sierra District Forester II; and
 - Temporarily stage removed trees off the new trail and use later as chip to cover the dozer line.

**The original Jones Bar Trail was destroyed during the Jones Fire Wildfire Incident of August 2020 when a dozer line was constructed at that location for fire suppression activities. The work accomplished under the Jones Fire Emergency Dozer and Handline Rehabilitation PEF/NOE (SCH # 2020120479) included stabilizing the area where the original Jones Bar Trail was located.*

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: Section:


REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of emergency repairs immediately necessary to restore publicly owned facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area declared to be in a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor.

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