



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Monterey District  
2211 Garden Road  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Dolan Fire Prop 64 Restoration

**LOCATION:** John Little State Natural Reserve, Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, and Limekiln State Park

**COUNTY:** Monterey

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** In August and September of 2020, a wildfire in Big Sur burned portions of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, Limekiln State Park and John Little State Natural Reserve. Erosion and potential invasive non-native weed issues have occurred or are likely to occur because fire suppression equipment and personnel are likely to introduce non-native weeds into front and back country areas. Early detection, rapid response (EDRR) efforts are needed to detect and control weeds both known and unknown to the area. For the next 3 years, Parks staff will:

- Survey and assess all areas affected by fire or fire suppression activities for impacts and produce a general site assessment/summary report with photo documentation;
- For three (3) years, walk and monitor all areas potentially trafficked by fire suppression equipment or personnel for non-native plants and for erosion;
- Manually remove, spray or weed-eat all invasive non-native plant species found within the areas burned or affected by fire suppression activities;
- Repair all locations where fire or fire suppression activities caused erosion and where erosion could cause natural resource damage;
- Plant native plants, as necessary, to outcompete non-native plants and control erosion;
- Fence off, revegetate and install signage in affected areas to prevent further natural resource damage and to educate park visitors; and
- Conduct thorough searches for marijuana grow sites in all effected park units and assess, restore, and remediate any sites that are located.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Monterey District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption                      Classes: 3 and 4    Sections: 15303 and 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures included as "installation of fencing, signs," in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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