

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Albee Creek Prescribed Burn

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park
(<https://www.google.com/maps/HumboldtRedwoodsStatePark>)

COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct seasonal prescribed burns on multiple small prairies (totaling 539 acres) near Albee Creek Campground in Humboldt Redwoods State Park to control brush and trees encroaching on the prairies, reduce prairie loss, and restore historic ecosystem function. Work will:

- Remove or reduce fuel from around improvements such as pit toilets, signs, and culverts;
- Manually remove vegetation and leave on site to decompose naturally or burn by prescribed fire;
- Prior to ignition, use chain saws to cut down the encroaching conifer trees within or along the prairie edge to reduce fire intensity; and
- Use an integrated weed management plan to control invasive, non-native plants including teasel, thistle species, jubata grass, and Himalaya blackberry that may resprout or newly germinate after the prescribed burn.

Parks will perform these prescribed burns in the fall after at least one precipitation event or just prior to the predicted season-ending precipitation event, or alternatively, burn prairies in winter or spring during short periods of dry weather. The burning and noise from power equipment within 0.25 miles of marbled murrelet and northern spotted owls nesting habitat will occur outside of breeding season (February 1 – September 15).

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

Classes: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as “prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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