



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Tamarack Fire Grover Hot Springs Maintenance Yard Soil Testing

**LOCATION:** Grover Hot Springs State Park **COUNTY:** Alpine

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct soil testing and percolation tests in and around the maintenance yard and residence areas in Grover Hot Springs State Park to identify soil conditions in the area to guide reconstruction and/or improvements proposed following the 2021 Tamarack Fire. Work will use a backhoe to excavate nine (9) 15-foot-long x 2-foot-wide x 10-foot-deep test pits and use a hand driven tube sampler to sample the pit soils. Representative soil samples will be recorded, and test pits will be back filled with excavated soils and tamped, in lifts, with the excavator bucket. Work will also perform three (3) percolation tests in the area of an existing leach field.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption    *Class:* 1, 4 & 6                      *Section:* 15301, 15304 & 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and is included as "Resource management projects" and "soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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