



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

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN  
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED  
MALAKOFF DIGGINS STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESCRIBED FIRE AND FOREST  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**Date:** February 8, 2023

California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has prepared and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park approximately 9 miles northeast of Nevada City, in Nevada County, California. The project location can be found using the following Public Land Survey System description: Township 17N, Range 9E, NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 17N, Range 9E, North ½ of Section 2, and Township 18N, Range 9E, SE ¼ of Section 36, Mount Diablo Base Meridian, USGS 7.5' North Bloomfield, CA Quadrangle.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:** DPR proposes to treat approximately 1,866 acres of high-risk parkland including a Public Safety and Historic Core Protection Zone and use prescribed fire to conduct understory burning in new and historic burn plots. This forest management program will protect irreplaceable historic and prehistoric resources and park staff and also reduce wildfire hazards along the San Juan Ridge and populated areas of western Nevada County.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning February 8, 2023. Questions or comments regarding the project should be directed to Rich Adams, Senior Environmental Scientist, Supervisory, RPF#2741, California State Parks, Sierra District, P.O. Box 266, Tahoma, CA 96142 or by email at [rich.adams@parks.ca.gov](mailto:rich.adams@parks.ca.gov).

Your views and comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than March 10, 2023. Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Sierra District Headquarters  
California State Parks  
7360 West Lake Blvd.  
PO Box 266  
Tahoma, CA 96142
- Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park  
Visitor Center  
23579 North Bloomfield Road Nevada  
City, CA 95959
- Madelyn Helling County Library  
980 Helling Way  
Nevada City, CA 95959

The document is also available for review on DPR's Internet Website at:  
[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=981](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981)