



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Buttes District  
400 Glen Drive  
Oroville, CA 95966

**PROJECT TITLE:** Craig Saddle Fuel Reduction and Restoration

**LOCATION:** Lake Oroville State Recreation Area      **COUNTY:** Butte

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Rehabilitate 81 acres of the Craig Access Road and Craig Saddle Boat-in Campground within the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, damaged in the 2019 North Complex Fire, to enable public access and use.

**Work will:**

- Remove dead/burnt trees along 2.3 miles of the Craig Access Road;
- Dispose of material via: chipping, lop and scatter, pile burning, air curtain burner, hauling offsite;
- To restore 7.7 acres of the Craig Saddle Boat-in Campground:
  - Remove dead and burned trees and thin regrowth;
  - Use augers to create waterwells to facilitate the replanting up to 500 native trees, shrubs and grasses along with drip irrigation.
- Conduct Early Detection and Rapid Response surveys to map invasive plant species and treat them via hand pulling and/or herbicides including but not limited to: Round Up Pro Concentrate, Garlon 4 Ultra, Milestone VMP, RoundUp Custom, AquaMaster, Telar, and Agridex.

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

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

*Class:* 1 & 4

*Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation List of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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