

Notice of Determination

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Project Title: Mill Creek Fire Fuel Mitigation Project

Project Applicant: County of Mendocino, General Services Agency

Project Location (include county): The proposed project is for the implementation of Fire Fuel Reduction at the Mill Creek Park Area situated on both sides of Mill Creek Road, as this is a one-way in/out for most residents in the area. The fire fuel mitigation work includes approximately 12 acres. The Mill Creek Park is a 400-acre park located 2.5 miles east of the community of Talmage, CA. Mill Creek Park is located at 2993 Mill Creek Road, Talmage, CA within Mendocino County, and located at 39° 07' 31.37"N/123° 07' 38.92"W.

Project Description: The project involves three (3) areas within Mill Creek Park as follows: Area 1: Mill Creek Park Picnic Area & Recreation Area, described as starting at 350-ft NW of centerline of the picnic area driveway, then heading SE along Mill Creek Road for a total of 850-ft. and then perpendicular from Mill Creek Road to 100-ft. above the foot of the hill to the SW; Area 2: described as surrounding the Upper Parking Lot starting 100-ft. SE of centerline of eastern entry to Upper Parking Lot and heading NW along Mill Creek Road for 1000-ft., and including 100-ft. from all roads or parking areas along said distance; Area 3: described as the southern end of the upper most pond, starting 50-ft. NW of the small parking lot, then following Mill Creek Road to the SE for 450-ft., and including 100-ft. from Mill Creek Road to the SW. Within the three (3) areas, trees are to be cleared of any burnable fuels and ladder fuels up to 10-feet from the ground, trees less than 6 inches in diameter shall be removed, except within 3 feet of the high water mark of any waterway, areas are to be cleared of all other vegetation down to 2 inches, no heavy equipment, including chippers are to be used within 50-feet of the high water mark of any waterways and all lying trees and logs are to be removed or chipped.

1. The project [will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. [Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(i) Minor Alterations to Land-Fuel Management Activities.

Reasons why the project is exempt: The project involves the reduction of fire fuels on both sides of Mill Creek Road at Mill Creek Park. The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15304(i) which provides for fuel management activities, including the reduction of the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that these activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The project will involve clearing of any burnable fuels

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and ladder fuels up to 10 feet from the ground and clearing of all other vegetation down to 2 inches, with the creation of mulch and removal of debris from the site.

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Interim Assistant Director

Date: JUNE 29, 2023 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Map

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MAP NOT TO SCALE
AREA DEPICTED MAY NOT INCLUDE
ENTIRE AREA OF WORK. CONFIRM
AREA OF WORK WITH COUNTY