



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Diablo Range District
15751 Tesla Road
Livermore, CA 94550

PROJECT TITLE: Issue Scientific Collection Permit to Earth Science Institute

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Scientific Collection Permit to Earth Science Institute to access Mount Diablo State Park for the project “Reconstructing lost oceanic plates through paleomagnetic and radiolarian fossil data from accreted ocean floor”. With oversight from State Parks, researchers will use a standard geological hammer to collect approximately 13lbs of chert samples from two (2) locations in the park. Researchers will use a handheld, watercooled drill to collect approximately 30 cores of basalt, each approximately 1-inch diameter and no longer than 3-inches in length.

All work conducted in association with the permit will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Range District


EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class: 5* *Section: 15305*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations which do not result in any changes in land use or density, and is included as “issuance of temporary use permits” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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