



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: Sentinel Rock Prairie Falcon Split Rail Fencing

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to install a stacked split rail fence system surrounding Sentinel Rock in Mount Diablo State Park to reduce access to nearby non-system trails during Prairie Falcon nesting season (February 15-July 31). The fence system will consist of six (6) sections with three (3) sections containing dowel-rod lockable gates that can re-open the non-system trails to visitor use outside nesting season. Topography specific to each location will determine the specific length of each section within the fencing footprint and sections will only be long enough to create a physical barrier to the non-system trail. State Parks staff will:

- Use hand tools to excavate 18-inches deep postholes;
- Set posts, and use outriggers and/or drain rock to stabilize, if necessary;
- Use hand tools to attach rails to posts no more than 4 rails high; and
- Backfill post holes with excavated material.

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: 1, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and is included as "fencing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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