

State of California
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
12301 North Hwy 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Priority Fuel Reduction and Forest Improvement Treatments for Three Park Units

LOCATION: Hedy Woods State Park, Mendocino Headlands State Park and **COUNTY:** Mendocino
Montgomery Woods State Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Undertake Priority Fuel Reduction and Forest Improvement Treatments over approx. 10,883 acres across three (3) park units in the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District, (Mendocino Headlands State Park (Big River Unit), Hedy Woods State Park and Montgomery Woods State Reserve) to improve stand structure, understory complexity, reduce fuel loading and create suitable conditions for prescribed fire. Treatment methods prior to prescribed burning will be a combination of the following: tree removal (for trees less than 11-in. DBH), lop and scatter, limbing, brushing, mastication and/or pile burning.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sonoma Mendocino Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1 & 4 Sections: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" and "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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