

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Removal of Three (3) High-Priority Hazardous Trees APN 102-150-006 and 102-150-007

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Project Location: Unincorporated Smith River, Del Norte County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

PS-Coast LLC, owner of the project parcel, conducted tree removal under an Emergency Permit issued by the County of Del Norte on February 22, 2024, authorizing the removal of a total of three (3) hazardous Sitka Spruce trees. Two (2) hazard trees were located on parcel 102-150-006 and were within striking distance of structures. One (1) hazard tree was located on parcel 102-150-007 and was within striking distance of a neighbor's structure and power and phone lines. Emergency Permits (DNCC 21.50.50) recognize that in some instances a person or public agency performing a public service may need to undertake work to protect life and public property, or to maintain public services before the provisions of Title 14 and 21 can be fully complied with. A condition of the Emergency Permit issuance was to follow up with an after-the-fact Coastal Grading Permit to complete the necessary documentation.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The trees are located in an extremely sensitive archaeological area containing sensitive Tribal Cultural and Cultural Resources. Conditions 4, 5, and 7 were placed on the Emergency Permit to address the sensitive nature of the site. Condition 4 states that no ground disturbance is allowed due to the culturally significant sensitivity of the site. Condition 5 states that authorized removal should be limited to the use of hand tools only rather than heavy equipment, and the use of vehicles or other mechanized equipment should be limited to existing driveways or other paved areas. Condition 7 states that the applicant is on notice that it is the policy of the County of Del Norte, should any archaeological resources be found during tree removal, activities shall be halted until an evaluation of the find is made either by a qualified archaeologist and a representative of either the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation or Elk Valley Rancheria.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

N/A