



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
North Coast Redwoods District
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PROJECT TITLE: Acacia, Cotoneaster, and Aaron’s Beard Treatment Project

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project work proposes to remove three (3) invasive plant species identified as growing in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to eradicate the non-native species and provide improved habitat for native species. The targeted species and their locations are:

- One (1) small infestation of silver wattle (*Acacia dealbata*);
- One (1) infestation of Aaron’s beard (*Hypericum calycinum*) located near the boat launch area in the Jedediah Smith Campground; and
- Multiple infestations of cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster* sp.) in the campground and an infestation of silver wattle outside of the campground, across Highway 199.

Removal work will be carried out via hack/cut and squirt and/or foliar applications of herbicides to remove the targeted plants. All removed vegetation will be pile burned or transported to an appropriate dumping area and composted or burned.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1 & 4 *Section:* 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is listed as “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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