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CEQA # 14275
District Project # 635-24-039

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
North Coast Redwoods District
PO Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: ROE to Smith River Alliance

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) to the Smith River Alliance for access to the upper portion of the Elk Creek Watershed in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park for the purposes of upgrading two (2) existing undersized and failing culverts. One (1) culvert will be replaced with a new culvert and one (1) will be replaced with a prefabricated bridge. The new culvert and bridge will have the capacity to withstand 100-year floods, restore natural stream function, and improve fish passage.

All work conducted pursuant to this ROE will comply with all state and federal environmental laws, including but not limited to CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and conditions specified by this ROE and other permitting agencies.

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:* 5 *Section:* 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20 %, which do not result in any changes in land use or density and is included as "Issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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