

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Service Center
One Capitol Mall, Ste. 410
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PROJECT TITLE: Nature Trail Upgrades

LOCATION: Donner Memorial State Park

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Upgrade the existing, .35 mile Nature Trail at Donner Memorial Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), minimize trail flooding and allow for higher volume water flows under the trail. Work will:

- Trail Reroutes: one reroute will correctly align a user trail behind the old visitor center to a new trail spur at the new visitor center, the other three reroutes move existing trail segments away from low-lying, unstable areas along the creek, surface new trails with an aggregate/soil mix to provide a firm, stable surface.
- Trail Removal: close, de-compact approximately 5' wide by 6" deep and block off abandoned trail alignments and associated volunteer trails to facilitate revegetation with vegetation and soils removed during trail abandonment
- Retaining Walls: construct an approximately 24' L x 3' H wood log crib wall and an approximately 71' L x 2.25" H x 1' W rock retaining wall on the downhill side of the trail to support the trail bed and contain surface materials and an approximately 11' L x 1.5' W x 2' W rock wall on the stream side of the trail to protect the trail surface during high volume water releases from the dam.
- Causeway Rock Wall: locate an approximately 12"-18" tall and 264' long, single tiered rock wall on either side of the trail in existing and proposed trails to keep the trail dry in poor drainage locations, prevent sediment transport and contain trail materials.
- Boardwalks: construct a 240 linear foot elevated boardwalk to replace an existing 77 linear foot boardwalk, 123 linear foot causeway, and 80 linear foot log turnpike on the north approach to the existing bridge, construct 56 linear foot of elevated boardwalk at the south side of the existing bridge to replace the trail approach.
- Log Turnpike: locate an approximately 6"-12" tall and 2006' long log turnpike on both or either side of the trail in existing and proposed trails to keep the trail dry in poor drainage locations, prevent sediment transport and contain trail materials.
- Asphalt Pavement: construct approximately 758 square feet of asphalt pavement trail surface in areas where trail surface is subject to scouring by high water flows.

Additional work will install a redwood bench to replace an existing, three 36" x 24" ADA compliant trail information sign on 2, 4"x4" redwood posts at the beginning sections of the trail and construct 5 sections of trail with drain lenses to allow minor drainages under the trail. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Nature Trail Upgrades project. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Accessibility

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4 Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as "modifications of existing facilities for people with disabilities" and "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4 and minor public alterations in the conditions of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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