



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

CEQA # 10734

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
303 Big Trees Park Road  
Felton, CA 95018

**PROJECT TITLE:** Vegetation Management Kings Creek Truck Trail

**LOCATION:** Castle Rock State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Remove vegetation on both sides of the truck trail to reduce fuel loads and break up the fuel continuity to slow the rate of spread and intensity of surface fires should one occur, maintain the road clearance, improve road access for emergency vehicles and improve the scenic vistas along this section of the corridor located within Castle Rock State Park. Work will:

- Remove or break up concentrations of dead surface fuels within fifty (50) feet on both sides of the truck trail;
- Thin trees to achieve ten (10) to twenty (20) feet spacing along the roadway;
- Prune trees up to ten (10) feet to raise the canopy;
- Remove tree and branches to achieve a sixteen (16) foot vertical clearance above the roadway;
- Remove up to seventy (70) percent of the brush cover, creating islands of brush varying in height and size.

Work may be done using any California State Park approved methods including, but not limited to lop and scatter, chipping, pile burning, mastication, etc. utilizing hand and power tools as necessary to complete the project.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Santa Cruz District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption  
Class: 4

Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "resource management projects" and "prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4

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