

**State of California
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
1111 2nd Street
Crescent City, CA 95531-4123

PROJECT TITLE: Jump Dance Ceremony

LOCATION: Humboldt Lagoons State Park

COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Coordinate and perform the Jump Dance Ceremony over a 5-day period for up to 300 people per day on land surrounding Stone Lagoon (site one) and a small parcel of land on the east side of US 101 (site two) directly across from the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center at Humboldt Lagoons State Park to revitalize the traditional Yurok ceremony.

- Site one work will construct then dismantle an approximately 10'x10'x4' high temporary wooden ceremonial sweat lodge in the beach area; dig five shallow fire pits in the sand of the dune area for: cooking, comfort, the ceremony, the dressing area and the sweat lodge; transport by vehicle and place portable toilets at the south end of the beach on open sand; establish a temporary campsite for 20 people near the sweat lodge; designate and flag a temporary footpath the length of Stone Lagoon for participant access from the parking area; and transport mobility-impaired people, supplies (food, water and firewood), and trash to and from the site along the wave slope of the sand spit via utility task vehicles (UTV) and trucks, maximum 5 trucks and 2 UTVs per day on a designated path during daylight hours, then across the lagoon by boat. Additionally, park a water truck and a pop-up trailer at the north Stone Lagoon parking lot and a portable toilet at the Stone Lagoon parking lot.
- Site two work will conduct a ceremonial dance near the east side of the highway, construct one fire at the site, and manually brush and flag an existing elk trail to allow passage to the ridge top.

All areas of the park including the Stone Lagoon boat ramp will be open to the general-public during the entire event and associated activities. Additional work at both sites will evaluate and assess the event and project requirements for future event.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Jump Dance Ceremony 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: North Coast Redwoods

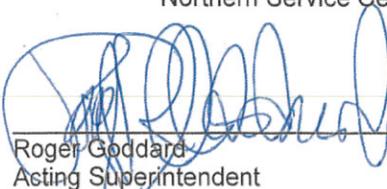
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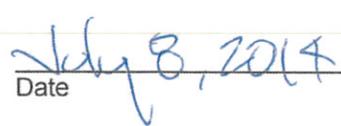
Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "special event" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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