

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
Sierra District Headquarters
P.O. Box 266
Tahoma, CA. 96142

PROJECT TITLE: Upper Coldstream Forest Restoration

LOCATION: Donner Memorial State Park

COUNTY: Placer

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Perform forest thinning and hazard fuel reduction on 55 acres at Donner Memorial State Park to restore native forest composition and structure, promote riparian hardwoods and reduce hazardous fire fuels along Coldstream Road. Work will manually thin, chip, pile and burn as well as using mechanical harvester equipment. Use two existing park roadside landings to stage equipment; load trucks with wood chips and firewood logs. Rehabilitate tractor routes to natural topographic conditions and cover with native forest litter or wood chips after project completion; reconstruct haul road and landing to a clean and smooth condition. Maintain Best Management Practice's (BMPs) including drainage structures along access routes to and from project area.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra 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 does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCRS 15300.4.

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