

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
PO Box 2006  
Eureka, CA 95520-2006

**PROJECT TITLE:** Oregon Silverspot Butterfly Habitat Restoration

**LOCATION:** Tolowa Dunes State Park

**COUNTY:** Del Norte

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove conifers encroaching on the coastal prairie habitat of the federally threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene hippolyta*) (OSB) at Tolowa Dunes State Park to maintain the successional stage of dune vegetation which provides essential habitat for the butterfly. The project is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, to help support recovery of the OSB. Work will:

- Remove an estimated total of 505 saplings (0-3' ht), 381 trees (3-15' ht) and 58 tall trees (15-20' ht) (comprised of ~80% shore pine (*Pinus contorta var. contorta*), 18% Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*), and 2% Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) along 3 OSB monitoring transects (~400m x 30m) by chainsaw, brush cutters, or hand.
- Removed vegetation <6" in diameter will be lopped and scattered in non-OSB habitat (shrub habitat devoid of the early blue violet, *Viola adunca*, the OSB larval host plant) within 40 m of where it was removed.
- Removed vegetation >6" in diameter will be hauled offsite (by hand) to an established composting facility or designated CSP burn pile.
- Removed trees will not be dragged on the ground nor will the operation result in any ground disturbance, to avoid associated environmental impacts.
- Operations will occur during the OSB dormant season (October 1 through March 1).

**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

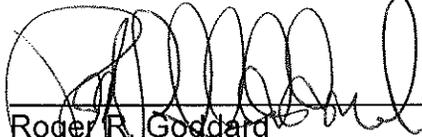
Class: 1, 4

Section: 15301, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Projects consists of maintenance and minor alteration of existing facilities and minor public alterations in the condition of land and or vegetation and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4

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