



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Homestead Horse Trail Culvert Repair

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace a failed culvert on the Homestead Horse Trail near Hamilton Barn in Humboldt Redwoods State Park to alleviate the safety hazard and to reopen the section of trail for visitor use. Work will:

- Place a temporary culvert at the inboard ditch of Mattole Road to move heavy equipment to the culvert site;
- Remove four (4) trees less than 4 inches in diameter at breast height;
- Use an excavator to remove 65 cubic yards of crossing fill and the failed culvert (excavation dimensions at the stream crossing will be approximately 20 feet across and 4 feet deep);
- Use a bulldozer to remove an additional 30 cubic yards of aggraded sediment, tapering to the natural stream grade about 150 feet upstream of the crossing;
- Place a new 4-foot diameter by 20-foot length corrugated steel pipe on the original stream grade;
- Use an excavator and/or bulldozer to backfill over the new pipe in one-foot lifts and use a gas powered wacker to compact the soil in succession until the culvert is buried and the original trail elevation is reached;
- Use dump truck to transport excess spoils material to an established storage site at the Hamilton Bone Yard;
- Build, by hand, a dry-stack rock headwall at the culvert inlet and outlet to protect crossing fill;
- Import base rock, spread, and compact on the final trail surface; and
- Spread native mulch and revegetate disturbed areas the following winter.

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, 2, 4

Section: 15301, 15302, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use, replacement or reconstruction of existing structure and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, and minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not

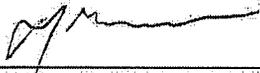
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involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "trail or road repairs" and "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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