



State of California – The Resources 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
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PROJECT TITLE: Culvert Replacement West Branch Road 3.69 km

LOCATION: Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace a failed culvert on West Branch Road within the Mill Creek watershed of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park to repair the flood-damaged road and regain access for the local utility company to maintain power supply to the community of Klamath in Del Norte County. Work will:

- Remove one (1) 10 inch DBH (diameter at breast height) redwood tree, several 6-inch DBH (or less) redwood trees growing in the crossing fill and remove five (5) other trees, ranging in size from 12 to 20 inches DBH, which have fallen into the stream channel;
- Use an excavator and bulldozer to remove 300 cubic yards of crossing fill and the failed culvert (excavation dimensions at the stream crossing will be approximately 40 feet wide, 15 feet deep, and 120 feet long);
- Excavate the channel down to pre-disturbance gradient and install a new 6-foot diameter by 120-foot length corrugated steel pipe;
- Use an excavator and/or bulldozer to backfill over the new pipe in one-foot lifts and use a gas-powered vibratory plate to compact the soil in succession until the culvert is buried and the road is built back up to original grade;
- Use an excavator to stack rip rap along the downstream end of culvert to protect the outlet and buttress backfill;
- Use hand tools to build a sackcrete and rebar headwall at the inlet of the culvert to a minimum of 2 feet above the top of the pipe;
- Replace up to five (5) of the removed tree stems back into the stream channel on the downstream end for aquatic habitat;
- Gather remaining native mulch generated during tree removal and spread evenly over disturbed areas with an excavator; and
- Use dump trucks to import base rock, a grader or bulldozer to spread base rock, and a vibratory roller to compact the final road surface.

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

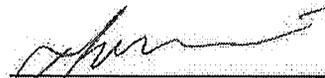
Class: 1, 2, 4

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 beyond current levels; the 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 the minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is included as "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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