

**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  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

**PROJECT TITLE:** Defensible Space and Vegetation Modification

**LOCATION:** Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park 38°48'03.6"N 120°53'33.2"W

**COUNTY:** El Dorado

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Establish defensible space around Department structures at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, consistent with the Department's 2009 "Guidelines for the Protection of Structures from Wildland Fire", where an over-accumulation of native and non-native vegetation of various age classes and dead and downed material have created excessive fuel loading. Vegetation modification activities will target all DPR structures, including historical buildings, the visitor center and museum, park residences, maintenance facilities, fuel tanks, and other appurtenant structures. Vegetation modification and fuel reduction will also target infestations of invasive trees along corridors that could carry wildfire, such as around the old mill site and parking lot on Main Street (Highway 49). Vegetation modification will occur within 130 feet of structures, in accordance with the Department's 2009 "Guidelines for the Protection of Structures from Wildland Fire."

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Gold Fields District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

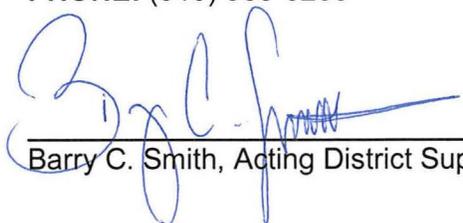
Categorical Exemption      Class: 1, 4      Section: 15301, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Work consists of removal of individual members or populations of plants that pose an imminent danger to park resources and the removal of dead and down woody material with hand crews to reduce fire hazard, 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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