

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
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PROJECT TITLE: Malakoff Diggins Columbia Hill Fuelbreak

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Create a forested fuelbreak up to 400 feet wide and 60 acres along Cruzon Grade Road in Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. Project is part of a larger effort to create a continuous ridgeline fuelbreak on public and private lands grant funded by the Nevada County Fire Safe Council. Project will help prepare for planned prescribed fire activities in the park , in addition to providing resource , visitor, and community protection. Work along the south side of Cruzon Grade Road will be completed by hand crews supported by biomass trucks and/or pile burning to prepare for future understory burns.Forestry work on the north side of Cruzon Grade Road will be completed by a masticator and/or hand crews. Logs may be removed by heavy equipment operating on slopes less than thirty percent. Any soil deformation from heavy equipment will be re-contoured to pre-project conditions. Oak stands may be thinned to higher stocking levels than specified to maintain canopy shading.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section:)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 1,4 Section: 15301,15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of maintenance or minor alteration of existing topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; and the minor public alteration in the condition of land that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "resource management project" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCRs15300.4.

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