



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

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED MILL CREEK WATERSHED YOUNG FOREST RESTORATION PLAN

Date: February 3, 2012

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, Del Norte County

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to restore young forests (11-24 years old) by mechanically thinning (using chainsaws) approximately 941 hectares (2,325 acres) of formerly harvested stands to promote historic species composition, encourage rapid tree growth, and accelerate the development of late-seral forest characteristics. The project is located in the Mill Creek Watershed of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. A minimum of 185 trees per hectare (tph) (75 trees per acre (tpa)) will be retained after restoration and most stands will have at least 370 tph (150 tpa) retained. Prescriptions may be modified when necessary to protect sensitive resources such as rare plants or animals, wetland habitats, cultural resources, and geologically unstable areas.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning February 3, 2012. Questions regarding the project should be directed to John E. Harris, Senior Environmental Scientist, at California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District, PO Box 2006, Eureka, CA 95502-2006 or by email at: jharris@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than March 5, 2012, to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Service Center
One Capitol Mall – Suite 410
Sacramento, CA 95814

California Department of Parks and Recreation
North Coast Redwoods District

3431 Fort Avenue
Eureka, CA 95503

California Department of Parks and Recreation
1111 Second St
Crescent City, CA 95531
Del Norte County Library
190 Prince Mall
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California Department of Parks and Recreation Internet Website.
http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=980

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