



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: Carruthers Cove Dune Restoration Project

LOCATION: Gold Bluffs Beach, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Davidson Road and Highway 101
COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove three species of invasive plants, European beachgrass, jubata grass, and Dalmatian toadflax from the dunes at Gold Bluffs Beach in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, in order to protect rare plants, restore western snowy plover nesting habitat and restore native dune conditions. Up to 15 acres of beachgrass will be dug out with mechanical equipment to a depth of 3 meters and capped with 1.5 meters of clean sand to the original grade. Jubata grass will be uprooted and left uprooted on site. Toadflax is a smaller infestation and will be dug by hand. The project will occur outside of the snowy plover nesting season, and will be supervised by a park biological technician to ensure that rare plants and animals are not disturbed. The Yurok Tribal Council has been consulted on this project.

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: 4 & 6 Section: 15304 & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the minor alteration of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "resource management" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4; and basic data collection and resource evaluation activities, which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included as "experimental resource management" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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