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State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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PROJECT TITLE: Independence Trail Rehabilitation – Highway 49 and the Independence Trail Junction

LOCATION: South Yuba River State Park **COUNTY:** Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
Reconstruct the 4.75-mile Independence trail at South Yuba River State Park. Project scope includes the reconstruction and maintenance of the existing twenty trail bridges and puncheons. Maintain, reconstruct and construct 4600 cubic feet of retaining walls to correct damage to the flume ditch and provide sustainable tread, handrails, tread and drainage repairs, way trail reconstruction, revegetation of way trails and interpretive signing. Work will be completed by district crewmembers using power and hand tools. No new staging areas will be created. Existing vegetation will not be disturbed. The trail is currently ADA accessible, but because of lack of maintenance it is no longer within standard for recreational trail accessibility. The proposed work will repair and bring this facility into compliance.

If evidence of potentially significant historical/archaeology resources are discovered at any point during the project, work shall be suspended until the find can be assessed by either the District or Service Center archaeologist.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:
☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1 Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing facilities involving no expansion beyond current use and is included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access" and "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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