



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: Panther Creek Forest Restoration Project

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The proposed forest restoration, which consists of two parts, is designed to accelerate the establishment of late succession forest conditions within the Panther Creek watershed of Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Part One involves the silvicultural treatment of 184 acres of forests that were logged prior to park acquisition with the goals of releasing existing Douglas-fir trees and re-establishing the historic dominance ratio of Douglas-fir to tan oak. Part Two involves planting of trees along the upper reaches of Bull Creek and the South, Middle and North Forks of Panther Creek to restore the pre-harvest distribution, diversity and density of conifer species. The collection of stock material for planting will follow the Districts Genetic Integrity Guidelines. Temporal and spatial restrictions have been identified in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that project activities do not result in take of special-status species or result in habitat degradation (e.g. water quality impacts).

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 Section: 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed action is a resource management project undertaken by a public agency that involves the removal of healthy mature trees for forestry purposes (restoration of late successional forest conditions) and does not result in take of plant or animal species protected under state or federal law, consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in compliance with CCR §15300.2.

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