

State of California  
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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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Wolf Creek Bridge Flood Damage Replacement

**LOCATION:** Empire Mine State Historic Park - 10556 E. Empire Street      **COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Replace the 25 foot long hiking bridge washed out during the January 2006 storm event at Empire Mine State Park. Project elements include:

- Remove existing abutments at existing location.
- Construct a 32-foot hiking bridge, downstream on higher ground out of existing flood plain.
- Construct two bridge abutments.
- Re-route trail to new bridge location.

All work will be completed by District Trail Crew without the use of heavy equipment. Power tools will be used. Excavation is expected in the trail reroute and the construction of the bridge abutments. All materials, tools, and vehicles will be staged on existing developed roads.

Cultural Resources in the project vicinity will be protected through avoidance. Measures will consist of delineation of the cultural resources with flagging, identification of the resources on a topographic map, and communication of the resource locations and the protection measures to the project manager. Cultural resource sites will be monitored during the project to ensure project activities are being directed away from the resource(s) and to maintain the integrity of the protective flag-line.

If evidence of potentially significant historical/archaeological resources are found during the project (shell, burned animal bone or rock, concentration of bottle glass or ceramics, etc.), the District or Service Center archaeologist will be contacted and work will be suspended until identification and proper treatment is implemented.

**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: 2      Section: 15302

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the replacement of an existing structure and facility on the same site as the structure replaced and serving substantially the same purpose and capacity, consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of Exempt Projects, in accordance with CCR§153004.

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