

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Mendocino District
P.O. Box 440
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Repair Footbridge in the Pygmy Forest

LOCATION: Van Damme State Park

COUNTY: Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Repair existing flood damaged footbridge in the Pygmy Forest at Van Damme State Park by replacing the wooden support structure and sections of wooden handrail and decking. The Bridge will not be moved from its original alignment. Work will be conducted outside of the Little River channel only. Materials and equipment will be carried to and from the remote project location by hand and along the existing trail system. . Work will be conducted according to, but not limited to, California Department of Fish and Game conditions. No power tools will be used on-site between February 1 and September 15 to avoid noise disturbance to northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets. No cultural resources will be impacted by this project.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section:)
- Categorical Exemption

Class 2, Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure, where the new structure will have substantially the same purpose, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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