



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Falls Loop Trail Repair Project
LOCATION: McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park **COUNTY:** Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Repair portion of the Falls Loop Trail starting at the trailhead and terminating at the base of Burney Falls. Patch approximately 255 linear feet of trail with new asphalt and replace trail edging board. Remove 433 linear feet of asphalt tread, deteriorated wood retaining wall/railing, and subsurface aggregate and stabilizing materials. Install new subsurface materials up to 4 feet in depth and repave with asphalt. Build new retaining wall with metal sheeting and temporary wood panel facing, construct new rock columns between panels, and install new metal pipe railing. Construct 16 inch² concrete foundation at the base of the wall and build rock facing over wood panels. Install 125 total linear feet of dry-stacked rock for slope protection at approximately five locations along uphill side of trail. Replace benches and replace/install new signage along trail route and trailhead kiosk with equipment that meets accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." Signage will be mounted in the ground and on walls along trail. Eliminate access from Falls Loop to down slope volunteer trail by installing boulder or post barrier. Remove up to twelve trees not exceeding 16 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) to repair the trail.

Ground-disturbing work will be monitored by and at the discretion of a DPR archaeologist. In the event that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project construction, work will cease at the location of the find until a DPR archaeologist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition of the artifact(s). DPR biologist will perform pre-construction surveys and establish no-work nest buffer zones as needed for any project activities occurring during migratory bird and raptor breeding season. Install protective measures such as, but not limited to, temporary fencing around three large trees adjacent to the trail. Employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) during ground disturbing activities for spill prevention and to avoid soil erosion. Stage and store equipment and materials only on paved surfaces.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development
EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Classes:* 1, 2, 3, 4 *Sections:* 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities, structures, and topographic features involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity; construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor alterations in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; included as: "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access," "fence repairs," "trail repairs" "installation of interpretive signing or panels," "installation of signs," and "trail construction" on the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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