



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: Miwok Trail Construction

LOCATION: China Camp State Park

COUNTY: Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Construct the new Miwok Trail to provide a public access route between the Bay View and Shoreline trails. The new Miwok Trail will provide the same access between the Bay View and Shoreline trails that is provided currently by the Miwok Road. The road generally limits access for most visitors because of its steepness (15-25%). The new trail will be multi-use, open only to hikers and equestrians. It will be obstacle free, and follow a curvilinear alignment which maintains the trail surface at a right angle to provide proper drainage. Install trail through a mixed evergreen forest using native materials.. Construct the trail to be four feet wide and out sloped 10% on a full bench construction. Compact the surface of the trail to an 8%-10% linear grade.

A plant survey has been conducted during the appropriate flowering season concluding that sensitive species are not present within the project area. The project will be completed outside of migratory bird nesting season. Northern spotted owls have not been recorded within the park during past surveys but construction activities will not take place within their breeding season. No other special status species have been found or are known to occur in the vicinity of the project area

Equipment staging, trail construction, and other project related activities will not occur along the first 230 feet of Miwok Road. Best Management Practices will be used during construction activities and incorporated in the project design to control erosion and sediment runoff. In the event that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project construction, work will cease within thirty feet of the find until a DPR-qualified archaeologist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition of the artifact(s). No other special status species have been found or are known to occur in the vicinity of the project area.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Marin

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class:* 4 *Section:* 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "trail construction" on the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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