

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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PROJECT TITLE: Road and Stream Crossing Removal Project

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

PROJECT LOCATION: Upper Wilder Creek and Peasley Gulch

PARK UNIT: Wilder Ranch State Park (Gray Whale Ranch area)

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove four abandoned and failing old logging road stream crossings and associated culverts along Upper Wilder Creek and Peasley Gulch. Approximately 100 feet of road bed will be ripped at each crossing site with heavy equipment. Remove outside soil berm and inboard ditch to restore natural topography. Remove artificial fill and culverts at stream crossings and replace with rock boulders and small imported aggregate rock. Install rock weirs, log stops, and pools to re-establish stream grade. Spread local stockpiled duff and leaf litter in project areas that are subjected to ground disturbing activities to prevent soil erosion.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

X Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4, 33. Section: 15301, 15304, 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of repair and minor alteration of topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, and is a project that does not exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife; included as "streambed restoration" and "resource management projects" on the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4

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