

**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: Archaeological Test

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: A DPR archaeologist will excavate up to 30 holes using a hand auger in the Williams Grove Campground. The purpose of the testing is to evaluate subsurface soil composition for the presence of cultural resources in preparation of a proposed project to repair the campground water system. Water system repair will be evaluated in a separate environmental document.

Each auger hole will measure 4 inches in diameter and up to 12 feet in depth. Refill each hole once auger test is complete. If solid subsurface objects are encountered during testing, DPR archaeologist will back auger out of hole and move to a new location.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

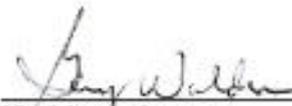
Classes: 4, 6

Sections: 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do no result in a serous or major disturbance to an environmental resource; included as "archaeological investigations by Department staff" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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