

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: Feral Pig Depredation

LOCATION: Montgomery Woods State Reserve

COUNTY: Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Feral Pigs will be baited with grain, trapped, or located and humanly dispatched by shooting. All work will be in compliance with and follow the protocol set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and will be conducted in accordance with DFG Depredation Permit #88721. Ground disturbance from trapping and locating will occur minimally on the surface.

Feral Pigs in increasing numbers are rooting the ground throughout the park which adversely disturbs its soils, vegetation, animals, and cultural sites. The project will consist of an initially intensive effort of hunting and trapping, followed by a reduced level of annual hunting and trapping to maintain relatively low densities of wild pigs in the park.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's List of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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