State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Burney Creek Trail Accessibility Improvements
LOCATION: McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park **COUNTY:** Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project retrofits approximately one linear mile of Burney Creek Trail at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park to meet accessibility requirements as described in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." The project includes the following work:

- Trail: Use up to 2 feet (ft) of fill to re-grade an approximately 6,000 square ft area adjacent to two campsites to correct soil erosion onto Burney Creek Trail. Level approximately 611 linear ft of unpaved trail by filling and grading the trail surface. Remove asphalt from approximately 1,190 linear ft of trail and replace with a compacted aggregate and soil mix up to 8 inches in depth. Re-align four trail segments that total about 1,058 linear ft so that grade throughout the length of the Burney Creek Trail is accessible. Replace hand rail along approximately 143 linear ft of trail by installing a wooden post sill and securing the sill with rebar poles driven into the ground up to 4 ft in depth. Cover the sill with up to 2 ft of fill to weigh down the sill and be used as the trail tread. Install approximately 784 linear ft of 3-foot high rock retaining wall with soil fill on the upslope side of the wall to reconstruct the trail in several locations. Remove an approximately 50 ft long asphalt trail spur between Burney Creek Trail and Burney Falls pool and approximately 2,904 ft of abandoned trail segments/parallel trails. Rehabilitate to a natural condition by de-compacting and re-contouring the soil along the trail alignments and covering the area with vegetative duff.
- Fishing Pier: Construct a new accessible fishing pier up to 225 ft^2 in size on the shore of Lake Britton and a 200 linear ft long trail spur from Burney Creek Trail to the fishing pier.
- Pullouts: Improve two existing pullouts and install four new pullouts along the trail. Install one bench at each pullout. Five pullouts will measure approximately 25 ft^2 and one just upstream from Burney Falls will measure up to 300 ft^2. Install approximately 5 ft wide by 6 ft high set of stairs adjacent to Burney Falls pullout.
- Signage: Install three new accessible trail signs and replace four non-accessible interpretive panels with accessible panels.

This NOE supersedes State Clearinghouse # 2009018049.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Burney Creek Accessibility Improvements Project. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

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 minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; construction and installation of a limited number of new small facilities; minor alterations in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees; included as: "modification of existing facilities for handicap access," "installation of park facilities such as interpretive panels, signs, and fencing," and "trail construction and realignment," on the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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