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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
LITTLE RIVER STATE BEACH RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

Date: April 27, 2009

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Little River State Beach, Humboldt County

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation propose the restoration and enhancement of coastal dune habitats within Little River State Beach (LRSB). The following is a summary of the proposed actions: The plan will restore the foredune and dune hummocks (28 ha); stabilized backdunes (24 hectares); herbaceous dune swales (1 hectare); woody dune swales (2 hectares); and a northern riparian wetland (4 hectares). The restoration will involve the removal of invasive exotic species such as European beachgrass (*Ammophila arenaria*) and yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*) and the restoration of natural dune process and topography. The Plan proposes improvements to the existing parking lot on the boundary between Clam Beach County Park (CBCP) and LRSB and the creation of two new parking areas located on the east side of Clam Beach Road. Several trails will be developed including a new 1.09 km (0.68 mile) ADA compliant loop trail with three viewing platforms originating from CBCP/LRSB parking lot, and an additional 3.88 km (2.41 mile) of pedestrian trails in a series of stacked loops that will originate from the existing and proposed parking areas. A portion of the new pedestrian trail will also provide shared access for equestrians who will have access to 2.16 km (1.34 mile) of new and existing trail. The Plan also provides for the continuation of the California Coastal Trail through LRSB from the Parks southern boundary to Little River. This will provide access for pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists. Finally, the Plan proposes improvements to regulatory and interpretative signs, and a self-guided interpretive program consisting of interpretive signs and panels will be installed along the ADA compatible trail.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning April 27, 2009. Questions regarding the project should be directed to John E. Harris, Senior Environmental Scientist at California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District, PO Box 2006, Eureka, CA 95502-2006 or by email at jharris@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than May 27, 2009, to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

California Department of Parks & Recreation
North Coast Redwoods District
3431 Fort St.
Eureka, CA

Humboldt County Public Library
1313 3rd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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