

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Restroom Replacement and Camping / Day Use Facilities Modification Project

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace two restrooms and one restroom/shower building and modify camping and public facilities at the Campground, Day Use Area, and Stout Memorial Grove in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to meet accessibility requirements as stated in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." Project components include the following work:

Demolish and replace the approximately 560 square foot (ft²) Day Use Area restroom, Campground restroom/shower building, and the pre-cast approximately 250 ft² Stout Memorial Grove restroom. Replace restroom utilities in trenches up to 30 ft long by 2 ft wide. New restrooms will be approximately the same size as the existing structures and the new restroom/shower building will measure approximately 720 ft².

Grade and install approximately 1,000 ft² of firm, even surfaces for accessible parking and pedestrian paths of travel. Apply a new slurry coat to existing paved surfaces totaling about 8,400 ft² and paint/stripe surfaces to identify parking stalls and pedestrian pathways. Install up to fourteen accessible parking signs on new 9-ft high poles with approximately 2-ft deep by 1-ft wide concrete footings and on existing parking barriers.

Grade/fill/compact soil surfaces in an approximately 500 ft² area at each of six campsites and a 175 ft² area at each of ten picnic sites and install firm, even surfaces. Replace Campground and Day Use Area furniture with accessible models and install up to eleven new cooking stoves at picnic sites. Replace up to eight water stations and a water fountain in the Campground, including faucets and underground drain boxes in approximately 3 ft long by 2 ft wide holes and install an approximately 25 ft² firm, even surface around each faucet and the fountain. At the Campground Campfire Center, remove portions of four existing log benches for four wheelchair accessible spaces; install an approximately 15 ft long by 4 ft wide ramp constructed of soil fill and wood between the audience seating area and stage; replace rock and mortar fire pit; and raise wood deck flush with the store entryway. At the Day Use Area, re-install existing display case with two approximately 2-ft deep by 1-ft wide concrete footings to adjust the height of the case and install an approximately 50 ft² firm, even surface around the case.

Depth of ground disturbance will be up to 3 ft to install facilities. DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Restroom Replacement and Camping/Day Use Facilities Modification 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: Northern Service Center

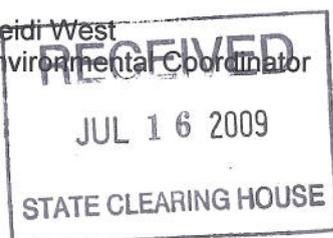
EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures/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 location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities; included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access," "construction or installation of park facilities such as restrooms," "installation of signs," and "installation of additional public use facilities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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