



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Accessibility Improvements on Root Creek Trail

LOCATION: Castle Crags State Park **COUNTY:** Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Improve existing facilities in Castle Crags State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines." Work will:

- Excavate approximately 33 cubic yards of soil, add 15 yards of aggregate and compact to re-contour and level approximately 6,000 linear feet of 5' wide trail.
- Remove approximately 22 live trees ranging from 1-15" DBH (diameter at breast height) and three dead trees ranging from 8-24" DBH.
- Remove vegetation and some roots and excavate to reroute approximately 520 linear feet of 5' wide level trail.
- Excavate approximately 16' long by 5' wide and 6" deep to reconstruct and/or construct 14 drain swales each; and add rock to four of the swales for additional protection.
- Excavate an approximately 8" high by 5' wide and 60' long area to install rock to build an elevated trail to allow unobstructed drainage.
- Excavate approximately 950 linear feet of 5' wide trail to de-compact and contour to surrounding topography to restore area to natural conditions.
- Construct an approximately 240' long by 5' wide boardwalk, secured with diamond piers anchored with 36" long by 1" wide pins hammered into the ground.
- Replace an existing 16' long by 5' wide footbridge with a fiberglass I-beam footbridge within the existing footprint.
- Excavate eight, 3' diameter holes to install concrete bridge abutments and install the 60' long 5' wide a steel I-beam bridge to replace the existing wood bridge.
- Remove one 20' long by 5' wide wood retaining wall.
- Import rock and excavate up to 6" deep to build two 21' long by 1' wide and 1.5' high and two 40' long by 2' wide and 1.5' high retaining walls.
- Excavate six holes approximately 2' deep by 1.5' wide and pour concrete to install sign posts, signs and interpretive panels.
- Install three benches along the trail.

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, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, the replacement or 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 as the structure replaced, the construction or installation of limited numbers of new, small facilities, and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access", "construction or installation of park facilities such as interpretive signing or panels", and "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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