

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
12301 N Hwy 1 – Box 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Sudden Oak Death Vegetation Treatment

LOCATION: Hendy Woods State Park **COUNTY:** Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove all diseased live and dead trees within the Azalea campground loop at Hendy Woods State Park to eradicate *Phytophthora ramorum*, the pathogen that causes sudden oak death (SOD). Cut down approximately 175 small tanoak and bay trees and treat stumps with a surface application of glyphosate herbicide to control resprouting and potential future infestation. Burn infected wood in an open bottom incinerator that is temporarily placed on a level surface within the campground. Transport wood to incinerator and remaining ashes to existing burn piles in the maintenance yard via existing road surfaces. No infected wood or other vegetation removed as part of the project will be transported outside of the park. Plant SOD-resistant Douglas fir seedlings in bare areas where infected vegetation has been removed and install approximately 3 ft tall fences with footings 1 ft deep into the ground around the planted areas.

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 **Classes:** 3, 4, **Sections:** 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; and is included as "installation of park facilities such as fencing" and "resource management projects" on the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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