

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 North Highway 1 – Box 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: University of California, Davis Archaeological Field Studies

LOCATION: MacKerricher and Hendy Woods State Park and Jug Handle State Natural Reserve

COUNTY: Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: University of California, Davis students will conduct archaeological field studies at MacKerricher and Hendy Woods State Parks and Jug Handle State Natural Preserve to catalog archaeological resources being destroyed through erosion caused by waves, wind, vehicles, equestrians, and/or pedestrians. Work consists of visual reconnaissance surveys and archaeological sampling of fifteen prehistoric sites. Soil samples within prehistoric sites will be collected by hand in 1X1, 1X2, and 2X2 meter units that range in depth from 5 to 150 cm. All soils will be sifted through screens; then placed back into the excavated holes following sample analysis.

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: 4, 6 Sections: 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alternations in the condition of land, water, and or vegetation that do not include healthy, mature or scenic trees, and encompasses basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes, as "scientific studies on prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, followed by restoration of the surface" as listed in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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