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State of California – The Natural Resource Agency
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
PO Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95520-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Install Entrance Gate and Split Rail Fencing along the Boundary to the North Operations Center

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install a metal entry gate and boundary fencing on Aubell Lane 45 ft east of Elk Valley Road to the Northern Operations Center at Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to restrict vehicle access during non-business hours. Work will excavate 5 post holes 36" deep X 24" wide to install a double metal gate post and set in concrete; A 36-inch wide opening will be left between the gate and fence to multi user access. The gate and locking mechanism will be 42 inch- 48 inch above grade, painted white and included all necessary signage. Posts to lock the gate open will also be installed and will require the excavation of approximately 3 ft depth X 2 ft diameter holes set with concrete.

Excavate up to 55 postholes 24 inches deep X 6 Inches wide to install 195 ft of wood texture concrete split rail fencing along the north and south boundary of the new entrance gate. No tree roots greater than 2 inches will be cut for any excavations. Ground disturbing activities will be confined to dry weather periods. Excess excavation spoils will be stored on site for use in other project areas in the wattles to prevent runoff. Plant material removed from post holes will be replaced on site, small batches of concrete will be prepared on site to anchor post holes.

In the event that previously unknown cultural resources (including but not limited to dark soil containing shell, bone, flaked stone, groundstone, or deposits of historic trash) are encountered during project construction by anyone, the project manager will put work on hold at that specific location and workers will redirect to other tasks. A DPR qualified archaeologist will record and evaluate the find and work with the project manager to implement avoidance, preservation, or recovery measures as appropriate prior to any work resuming at that specific location.

In the event that human remains are discovered, work will cease immediately in the area of the find and the project manager will notify the DPR cultural resource specialist assigned to this project. Any human remains and/or funerary objects will be left in place or returned to the point of discovery and covered with soil. The DPR Sector Superintendent or cultural resource specialist will notify the County Coroner in accordance with section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 3 & 4 *Section: 15303 & 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities , in accordance with CCR § 15300.4 and is a minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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