

**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
303 Big Tree Park Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Prescribed burn; Hollow Tree Trail

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

PROJECT LOCATION: Middle Ridge Road; south of China Grade Road

PARK UNIT: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Conduct forest thinning and hazard fuel reduction on 360 acres of redwood forest habitat at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve native forest composition and structure. All work will follow the State Park Burn Plan Procedures.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

X Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section:15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR Section 15300.4.

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