



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Tehachapi District  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Removal of Dead or Dying Trees – Serrano Day Use Area  
**LOCATION:** Silverwood SRA **COUNTY:** San Bernardino

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The Tehachapi District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) in conjunction with the County of San Bernardino Fire Department (County) has identified hazardous trees within the Serrano Day Use Area and the access road that leads into the area. The proposed project will be to fall and removal dead or dying trees resulting from bark beetle attack, water stress, and stand overstocking to maximum distance of 100 feet from structures within the day use area and 25 feet on each side of the access road in accordance with the Department's Policy and Guidelines for the Protection of Structures from Wildland Fire – Bakken (2009). The scope of work performed will be limited to falling, limbing, bucking, removing logs (by hand) and chipping or removing slash resulting from tree removal.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Tehachapi

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section )
- Categorical Exemption  
Class: 1 & 4 Section(s): 15301 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.
- There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)
- Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4)
- Project will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources (class 4d)
- Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment (class 4e)
- Project does not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters (class 4i)

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