



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Filing of the Notice of Determination in compliance with §21108 of the Public Resources Code.

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2004072144

PROJECT TITLE: Visitor Center

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PROJECT LOCATION: Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Calaveras County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to construct a Visitor Center on the grounds of Calaveras Big Trees State Park. The following is a summary of the proposed work:

- Construct a permanent, accessible visitor center of approximately 6,500 square feet;
- Install a new trailhead/assembly area adjacent to the proposed visitor center;
- Improve the existing 79-space parking area to include four Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) spaces, including one van accessible space, and three bus parking spaces;
- Remove approximately six trees of no more than 30" diameter at breast height (dbh) to accommodate visitor center and utility placement;
- Provide utility connections to the new visitor center including water, sewer, electricity, telephone, environmental control, security/fire alarm, and telecommunications infrastructure, and install a new additional propane tank; and
- Provide low-maintenance, native plant landscaping around visitor center, over trenching areas, adjacent to pathways, and all areas disturbed by construction.

This is to advise that the California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above project on 1/27/05, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Northern Service Center, located at One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Original signed by

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Date