



## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED MACKERRICHER STATE PARK DUNE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**Date:** May 9, 2012

**To:**

California State Parks (CSP) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CSP is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Inglenook Fen-Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve,  
MacKerricher State Park, Mendocino County

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:**

California State Parks proposes to restore ecosystem processes that are crucial to the viability of endangered species and their habitats in the 1285-acre Inglenook Fen-Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve of MacKerricher State Park by removing artificial structures that impede natural sand and water movement and treating invasive weeds. The project would open up approximately 250 acres of nesting habitat for the federally listed western snowy plover and 60 acres (24.3 ha) of native dune vegetation, including portions that support the federally listed Howell's spineflower and Menzies' wallflower. Proposed work will: 1) remove three segments of abandoned asphalt roadway and a portion of or all underlying rock base totaling 2.7 miles (4.3 km), with some portions of the road remaining intact to protect sensitive resources; 2) remove up to three 5-foot diameter (1.5 meter) culverts and restoring the stream bed, bank, and channel to a natural condition by removing fill material, grading unnatural banks, and facilitating the reestablishment of native plants; 3) treat approximately 17 acres (6.9 ha) of previously untreated European beachgrass with herbicide and hand removal; 4) retreat approximately 38 acres (15.4 ha) of European beachgrass and other nonnative weeds; 5) remove non-native trees, shrubs, and European beachgrass, and establish native conifers where appropriate in a 7 acre (2.8 ha) area of backdunes; 6) reestablish federally and state-listed threatened and endangered species and other native plants into suitable habitat by direct seeding, transplanting, or installation of cuttings; and 7) remove ice plant in select areas to increase habitat for the federally listed Howell's spineflower.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning May 9, 2012. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Renée Pasquinelli at 12301 North Highway 1- Box 1, Mendocino, CA 95460 or by email at [rpasquinelli@parks.ca.gov](mailto:rpasquinelli@parks.ca.gov).

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than June 8, 2012, to the following address:

California State Parks  
Mendocino District  
12301 North Highway 1 – Box 1  
Mendocino, CA 95460

Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

California Department of Parks & Recreation  
Mendocino District Headquarters  
12301 North Highway 1  
Mendocino, CA 95460

Mendocino County Public Library  
Fort Bragg Branch  
499 Laurel Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

California Department of Parks and Recreation Internet Website.  
[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=980](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=980)

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