

**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
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Mississippi Bar Interior Live Oak Fuel Reduction – Phase 1

LOCATION: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project proposes to remove excess fuels, including non-native invasive trees and shrubs, in a twenty (20) acre area of blue oak and interior live oak woodlands within the Mississippi Bar area of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area to reduce the fuel loads of the oak woodlands. Work will remove and treat with chemicals the non-native invasive olive trees and any other non-native trees and shrubs on site (such as Chinese tallow, privet) and remove dead and downed trees/tree parts, except for the occasional snag and the largest logs. The project will also implement defensible space clearance along the park boundary in this area adjacent to private properties following the Department's 2009 "Guidelines for the Protection of Structures from Wildland Fire".

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District


EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not result in the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes included as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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