

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Remove and Restore Unauthorized Bike Jumps and Trails

LOCATION: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove illegally constructed trails, bike jumps and other user-created trail features, such as berms and banked turns, within Folsom Lake SRA and Folsom Powerhouse SHP. Work will be accomplished using a combination of hand crews and light equipment, such as a mini excavator or SWECO. Work activities may include:

- Remove earthen jumps and built-up soil berms, using material to fill excavation and return the surface to its original shape and contour;
- Fill ruts and gullies in the trail prism to slow runoff and trap soil;
- Restore the natural terrain and hydrology of the area (i.e., topographic restoration);
- De-compact (scarify) tread and aerate soil to promote revegetation;
- Scatter native organic material (e.g., logs, branches, leaf litter, etc.) over disturbed soil to discourage further use and protect soil structure;
- Install temporary soil stabilization measures as necessary to protect soil and water quality;
- Revegetate large, heavily denuded areas with suitable native plants, using methods such as direct seeding, transplanting and container stock;
- Obscure old trails from view using downed trees and large rocks;
- Install signage and symbolic or barrier fencing as appropriate;
- Other minor restoration activities as agreed upon by project proponents.

Work will adhere to policies and guidelines outlined in the Trails Handbook (2019), DOM Chapter 0300, Natural Resources Handbook, and Cultural Resource Management Directives. Standard best management practices will be implemented to avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive resources.

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: 1, 4

Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the removal and restoration of unauthorized trails, bike jumps and other associated features and is considered "Trail or road repairs", "Trail removal" and "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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