



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Castle Crags Defensible Space and Hardening

LOCATION: Castle Crags State Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project proposes structure hardening improvements and defensible space fuels reduction in Castle Crags State Park to reduce wildfire risk and increase structural resilience within the park. Work will prioritize identified high-risk and mission-critical facilities essential to park operations. At the Visitor Center, a Day Use Restroom, a Maintenance Shop, and three (3) park residence, work will include the following:

- Replace existing wood shake shingles with Class A fire-rated roofing materials consistent with existing roofing within the park;
- Within 5-ft of park structures, remove all landscaping shrubs and replace combustible bark with non-combustible, weed-resistant hardscape materials to prevent embers from igniting vegetation and spreading to structure;
- Where shrubs remain, create spacing between shrubs to establish breaks between the fuel continuity;
- Repair and patch holes in siding to reduce ember intrusion potential;
- Replace rotten wood doors with metal doors and install weather stripping on doors/garage doors to seal and eliminate entry points for embers;
- Replace all deteriorated fascia boards;
- Replace existing vent screens with Chapter 7A compliant ember-resistant screening; and
- Install Chapter 7A compliant screening to enclose the underside of any exposed wood decking to prevent ember accumulation and debris.

This project will establish and maintain defensible space zones in compliance with State and Department guidelines by reducing vegetation and fuel continuity within a minimum of 100-ft surrounding structures within the park, lowering overall fire intensity potential near structures. These improvements in conjunction with defensible space and fuel reduction treatments around structures will create a comprehensive, layered wildfire risk reduction strategy for park infrastructure.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

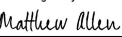
☒ Categorical Exemption *Class: 1, 2 & 4*

Section: 15301, 15302 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and the structure replaced and is listed as "Reroofing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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