

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
PO Box 2006  
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

**PROJECT TITLE:** Howland Hill Road Vault Restrooms Installation

**LOCATION:** Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park      **COUNTY:** Del Norte

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install one (1) new self-contained vault restroom at the Mill Creek Trailhead and two (2) self-contained vault restrooms at the Boy Scout Tree Trail trailhead in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to provide needed services for park visitors. Work will:

At each location:

- Remove and salvage forest duff, plants, and decaying logs for future site rehabilitation;
- Use an excavator to dig the 18' long by 9' wide by 5' deep vault receiving hole for each restroom;
- Spread and compact excavated spoils to prescribed grades, where needed, within the existing construction footprint;
- Use dump trucks to haul off any excess fill to a stable spoils location (within Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park);
- Install courses of aggregate and geotextile fabric, compacted in lifts;
- Use a tire-mounted crane to lift and install each pre-fabricated vault and pre-fabricated restroom unit atop the vault;
- Excavate to pour a 4' by 6' by approx. 6" thick pervious concrete slab and install and secure an ADA compliant predator-proof trash can and recycling container; and
- Use forest duff, fern plants, and logs salvaged from the forest floor during site preparation to mulch bare ground, rehabilitate vegetation surrounding the new restrooms.

At the Mill Creek Trail location:

- Excavate up to 8" deep to construct a single 18' wide by 20' long perpendicular (pull-in) van accessible parking space; and
- Excavate up to 6" deep to establish a 4' wide accessible walkway with ¾" compacted aggregate bordered by 4"x 8" redwood boards.

At the Boy Scout Tree Trail location:

- Excavate up to 8" deep to construct an 18' wide, and 20' long pull-through type accessible van parking space adjacent to, and parallel with, Howland Hill Road; and
- Excavate up to 6" deep to establish a 4' wide accessible walkway with ¾" compacted aggregate bordered by 4"x 8" redwood boards

Project construction involving the use of noise generating equipment (excavator, compactor, concrete pump) will be conducted outside of Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet nesting season (September 16th to January 31st).

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** North Coast Redwoods District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

Class: 3 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

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**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "Construction or location of park facilities such as restrooms" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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