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Department of Parks and Recreation

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Mendocino District
12301 N Hwy. 1 – Box 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

PROJECT TITLE: Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Jug Handle State Natural Reserve **COUNTY:** Mendocino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Rehabilitate sections of existing Ecological Staircase Trail, Day Use Area and Parking area at Jug Handle State Natural Reserve, to reduce erosion, improve public safety and provide access for persons of all abilities. Work will:

In the Parking Area:

- In the south-western corner of the lot, remove asphalt and construct an 18' by 26' 2-stall (with access aisle) concrete parking area; and
- In the north-east corner; restripe an existing non-compliant ADA parking stall (with access aisle) as two (2) conventional parking stalls; and
- Remove an existing portable toilet.

In the Day-Use Area:

- Remove one (1) large Monterey pine;
- Excavate to install a 5' wide concrete accessible route of travel from the parking area to the day-use area;
- Pour two (2) 12' x 16' concrete pads and install accessible picnic tables;
- Stain all new poured concrete surfaces brown to blend with the existing environment;
- Relocate the existing conventional tables to adjacent areas;
- Install an accessible water station; and
- Construct a new bathroom enclosure for the existing portable toilets. (If funding and permitting allow, construct a permanent, two-stall, restroom building at this location and install all associated infrastructure.)

For the Ecological Staircase Trail:

- Relocate the existing trailhead to approx. 15' from its current location;
- Reconstruct a total of approximately 850 linear feet of the trail (two (2) separate segments in the forested area) with a timber edged turnpike;
- Reconstruct approximately 1,318 linear feet of the trail (on the open bluff) with new alignment constructed on a 4' wide rock causeway with drain lens for improved drainage;
- Install two (2) overlooks for use as congregation and resting areas at points along the bluff.
- Relocate existing interpretive signage as necessary along the trail;
- Decomact and remove approximately 3400 feet² of existing volunteer trail; and
- Install low profile directional signage as necessary.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Mendocino District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 2, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of repair and minor upgrade to an existing trail facility involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced; the construction and location of a limited number of new small facilities or structures; and the minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access", "Trail or road repairs", and Construction or installation of interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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