

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Mixed Conifer Habitat Fuel Reduction

LOCATION: Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Amador

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct forest thinning and hazard fuel reduction within 66 acres of mixed-conifer/foothill chaparral habitat at Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park to reduce the threat of disease and catastrophic wildfire within the park, and improve native forest composition and structure. Work will manually:

- Remove subordinate tree species under the dripline of mature trees;
- Interrupt horizontal continuity of fuels by isolating shrubs into small, patchy groups;
- Remove mistletoe out of healthy trees;
- Remove stressed and/or dead trees containing mistletoe;
- Create horizontal and vertical variability among all tree species;
- Removal of exotic plant species;
- Chip, haul off-site, and/or post-treatment fire of all cut vegetation; and
- Conduct prescribed burns within project area.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 & 4 Section: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and is included as "Prescribed burns to maintain native vegetation" "Prescribed burns to maintain native vegetation, reduce fuel loads and control invasive exotic or alien species" 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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