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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation Monterey District 2211 Garden Road Monterey, CA 93940

PROJECT TITLE: Point Lobos SNR Pine Forest Management

LOCATION: Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

COUNTY: Monterey

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Implement pine forest management techniques at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve to increase understory vegetation diversity, reduce fuels and improve aesthetics. In an approximately 225-acre area, work will:

- remove young, small Monterey pine trees in dense stands;
- remove dead woody material;
- remove small branches and snags, but retain some for wildlife use; and
- remove invasive species by hand and/or herbicide spraying.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:

California Department of Parks and Recreation

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

EXEMPT STATUS: \boxtimes Categorical Exemption *Class: 1 & 4* Section: 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees and is included as "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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