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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Oregon Silverspot Butterfly Habitat Restoration

LOCATION: Tolowa Dunes State Park

**COUNTY:** Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove non-native plant species and plant to reestablish native nectar plant species in the dune area of Tolowa Dunes State Park to enhance habitat and support recovery of the federally threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly (OSB). Project will be completed during the OSB dormant season. Work will:

- Use shovels and other hand tools to excavate up to 24" in depth to remove invasive non-native plant
- Pile and burn all removed vegetation on site or transport to an appropriate dump area to be burned at a later date or place removed vegetation in unrestored areas adjacent to the project area and let it decompose naturally; and
- Spread seed for native plants to reestablish habitat for the OSB.

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: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of land and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and consists of restoration that does not exceed five acres in size for plant and wildlife habitat; 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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