
RE: Patton CDP 19285

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Hi Michael,

I just got back from my site visit to the Patton property. The residence will sit in a small flat at the top of the hill, with only minimal tree removal for the driveway and structure. The wetlands are associated with an old clearing below the flat, and the stream is beyond that in a forested ravine. Both are adequately buffered by topography and vegetation, so I anticipate minimal impacts associated with development.

My only recommendations for this project are fairly standard:

1. Remove trees outside of nesting season (generally March 15 – August 15) to avoid impacts to native resident and migratory birds. If that's not feasible, a qualified biologist shall survey for active bird nests no more than seven days prior to tree removal or significant trimming. If an active nest is found, the permittee should consult with CDFW regarding appropriate site-specific avoidance measures and buffer distances. If there is a lapse in project-related activities of seven days or more, the biologist should re-survey the area before work resumes.
2. In clearing the building pad and creating defensible space, prioritize the removal of invasive species, such as Scotch broom, French broom, and pampas grass. The biological report contains a more extensive list.
3. Please consider a condition of approval to prohibit the use of invasive plant species in landscaping. The Cal-IPC Inventory and Humboldt County WMA Weed List provide a list of the most problematic species. CDFW always encourages the use of native plants appropriate to coastal northern California, which provide aesthetic and habitat values while requiring minimal watering and maintenance. I've attached a PDF of locally appropriate native species that do well in landscaped settings.

The biological assessment contained several other recommendations, primarily about conducting additional targeted surveys for various special status species. Aside from nesting bird surveys for the tree removal, I don't think that's necessary.

Thanks,
Katie

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