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Hi Michael,

I wanted to follow up on Friday's site visit with a quick recommendation for nesting bird avoidance in case the applicant does decide to remove those two fir trees. CDFW recommends that vegetation removal occur 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.

My only other thought would be to include a condition of approval prohibiting the use of invasive plant species in landscaping. The [Cal-IPC Inventory](#) and [Humboldt County Weed Management Area](#) provide a lists 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.

Thanks,  
Katie

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No worries, Cade. The development footprint will be limited to the existing clearing, which is currently used for temporary storage of equipment and a few scattered burn piles or logs. It's heavily disturbed and dominated by non-native grasses. Grand fir forest surrounds the clearing, but aside from possibly removing two firs along the edge of the turnaround/landing area, there won't be any significant vegetation removal. I can share a couple of photos if you'd like.

Katie