



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Daughtery Hill Wildlife Area Road and Firebreak Maintenance		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sec 07,18, and 19 T17N, R6E; and Sec 13, T17N, R05E, MDB&M	COUNTY	Yuba
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description

The California Department of Fish & Game (DF&G) is responsible for the management of The Daughtery Wildlife Area (DWA). The oak woodland-chaparral environment within this area can be highly combustible under certain dry conditions and the risk of wildland fires is a major concern as visitor use activities continue to increase. There have been seven fires in the last three years along the stretch of road being treated.

The proposed project is to conduct general maintenance on the existing DWA firebreaks and re-establish the existing lines separating the DWA from the heavily traveled Marysville Rd, Loma Rica Rd, Dolan Harding Rd, and the entrance to Collins Lake. Cal Fire heavy equipment will be used to complete the work while operating within the existing prism and fuel break. Work will focus on existing erosion problems by grading, shaping (out-sloping) and establishing rolling dips. Erosion controls and energy dissipation may be installed at existing watercourse crossings to correct and prevent future erosion. Overall, the project will help prevent the annual fires caused by arson, vehicle exhaust, smoking etc... from becoming extended attack fires.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 1, 4, and 7
 14CCR§15301 (c), Existing Facilities
 14 CCR§15304, Minor Alterations to Land
 14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of Natural Resources
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):**
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

14CCR§15304, Minor Alteration to Land. The project involves minor road maintenance to facilitate emergency response.

14CCR§15301(c), Existing Facilities: maintenance of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycles and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources: The project will help prevent wild fire.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at NEU Headquarters in Auburn.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 6/29/10
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