



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Long Point / Alta Mastication		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 2, T 15N, R10E MDB&M	COUNTY	Placer
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area consists of 18 acres of brush and tree covered timberland between 3500' and 4000' elevation. The rolling land provides exposure to all aspects and slopes range from 5-50% which lead into Canyon Creek and its tributaries. The timber stand is primarily large conifer and oak trees with brush and dense conifer understory. The project involves mastication of brush and small trees with follow-up hand working using chainsaws and hand tools. Piled material may be burned on sites that are too steep or inaccessible for equipment. All piles that are created will be burned only on declared burn days in accordance with the terms of a burn permit issued by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District.

The project involves using a masticator and hand crews to clear brush and ladder fuels on and adjacent to a ridgeline and roadways. The intent is to install a shaded fuel break, 50-200' wide that connects existing fuel treatments along Hwy 80 to Moody Ridge. Material treated will be small sapling and pole sized trees less than 8" diameter, brush and downed trees of various size. Trees greater than 8" diameter will be left uncut unless infested with insects and a likely threat to the remaining trees. An RPF shall identify any trees over 8" that shall be removed. The primary treatment method is mechanical mastication. Hand work shall be used on select sites and areas where the mechanized equipment is restricted.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 14 CCR§ 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- 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

This project fits under portions of **14CCR§15304, Minor Alteration to Land.**

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 CAL FIRE Nevada Yuba Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date 6/18/15
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