NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE **Blue Sky Training Site**

PROJECT LOCATION **COUNTY** **Shasta**

LEAD AGENCY **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)**

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Project Description:
The project includes the clearing of an access path to the training site, removal of tree limbs, repairing the perimeter fence and mock field work at the site as part of an archaeological training course. This will entail:
(1) Use weed eaters to cut a path through the star thistle, to allow better access to training site. The path is flagged in pink. The pink ribbon has black writing that describes the work needed. Remove vegetation with weed eaters only - NO GROUND DISTURBANCE WITHIN FENCED AREA SHALL OCCUR.
(2) Removal of tree limbs from the fence area to facilitate fence repair. Limbs will be cut from the fallen tree with a chainsaw.
(3) Repair the barbed wire perimeter fence at areas flagged in pink. Three of the four sides of the fence need repair.
(4) Performance of mock field work at the site as part of an archaeological training course. The training course will occur over part of one day and will be attended by approximately 35 students and instructors.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and Class 4 §15304-- minor alteration of land—and 14 CCR §15301-- existing facilities
- [ ] 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 is a categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR §15304-- minor alteration of land—and 14 CCR §15301-- existing facilities. The project qualifies for the reason that the project proposes a minor alteration of the vegetation (weeding of dead star thistle and the cutting and removal of fallen tree limbs), minor temporary use of the land for mock field training and the repair of segments of damaged perimeter fencing. Field review by CAL FIRE staff has confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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 or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at Shasta-Trinity Unit HQ, 875 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001.

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