



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE PRPD Coutolenc Park Fuels Management

PROJECT LOCATION Magalia, California **COUNTY** Butte

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

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Paradise Recreation and Parks District Coutolenc Park Fuels Management is a two part fuels reduction project that will utilize hand crews to create and maintain a fuel break located north of Magalia, California that was originally a wildland fire contingency line built during the 2008 Butte fire siege. The project will be 200 feet in width and approximately 6200 feet in length. The vegetation is mixed conifer forest and the topography is relatively gentle and flat with small finger drainages having side slopes of up to 40 %. The project will consist of cutting, piling, and burning small trees and brush in an area 100 feet wide on each side of the fire contingency line created in 2008. The area will remain fully stocked with timber following the project activities. This portion of the project will cover 30 Acres. The second part of the project will consist of eight acres consisting of a series of small and individually selected less than one quarter acre pockets immediately adjacent to the proposed 30 acre fuelbreak portion in which selected trees less than 11 inches dbh, dead and dying trees less than 12 inches dbh, and heavy concentrations of brush will be cut, piled and burned. Total project area is 38 acres. This area will be maintained using similar treatments approximately every 5 to 10 years.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 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 a Categorical Exemption to CEQA: Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land).
 The project is a fuels reduction project with the purpose of reducing the wild-land fuels volume in an area of high population and public service infra-structure. The areas of potential disturbance (cutting, piling, burning by hand labor) are limited and best described as minor in scope.
 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 the Butte Unit Headquarters, 176 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, CA.

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