



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Crazy Creek Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	Guenoc Rancho Land Grant, North of Middletown. Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian.	COUNTY	Lake
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description: This project involves the annual light to moderate intensity burning of grass for the purpose of training fire personnel in the North Region in the use of different firing and control techniques. The project area is located on a privately-owned ranch and is 150 acres of the 500 acre ownership. In addition to ranching, the property is used for a glider port and recreational flying. The vegetation type within the project area is oak savannah and dominated by grass. The topography of the project area is flat and the area has limited public access. Crazy creek and several tributaries lie within the project area. These watercourses are Class III seasonal creeks and are dry during the summer months. Crossing of watercourses will be at existing crossings and buffer zones will be established to retain vegetation adjacent to watercourses. There is no known threatened and endangered plant or animal species in the project area. Several archaeological sites were identified within and adjacent to the project area, these sites will be excluded from project activities. All applicable burn permits issued from the Lake County Air Quality Management District will be obtained prior to commencement of the project.

Firing of the units will be conducted in a manner that allows firefighters to utilize controlled fire to extinguish simulated uncontrolled fire. The project will burn no more than 30 acres a year for five years, for a total of 150 acres. Existing seasonal roads and trails will be used as perimeter and interior fire control lines. Heavy equipment and hand tools may be used to improve existing control lines. Additionally, hand tools may be used to build control line during the exercise. Structures in the vicinity of the project include a residential structure, office, and an air plane hanger. The environmental setting will be reevaluated in five years to ensure compliance with CEQA.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 (i)
- 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

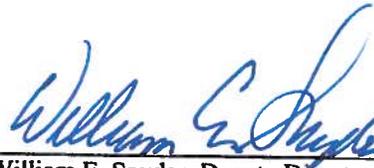
This project fits under portions of Class 4 § 15304(i)

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 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 6/24/13
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