



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	East Weed Fuel Break Maintenance		
PROJECT LOCATION	The fuel break is located approximately 1 mile east of the city of Weed within close proximity of city limits.		COUNTY Siskiyou
	Legal Description: Portions of Section 6, 7, 18, T41N, R4W, MDB&M		
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will entail maintenance of an existing fuel break which was installed on a large flat terrace by CAL FIRE in 2002 and 2005. The fuel break is approximately 14,784 feet (2.8 miles) in length and 150 feet in width for a total 51 acres.

The fuel break area is characterized by very dense to light occurrences of brush species composed of rabbit brush, manzanita and mountain mahogany 3 to 4 feet in height with highly scattered Ponderosa pine throughout. The project area contains a Class I watercourse and a Class IV watercourse, each of which cross the project foot print at one location. The areas immediately surrounding the fuel break are composed of Ponderosa pine plantations in various stages of development.

Treatment will entail the use of hand crews to removing all brush species, occasionally pruning ponderosa pines to a height of 6 to 8 and sporadically thinning small clumps of sapling sized trees (<8" DBH). All material generated by treatment activities will be placed in manageable piles no larger than 6 feet in height and 8 feet in diameter and burned during safe climatic conditions. Piles will be established at least 20 feet from residual trees to avoid scorching, and no treatment activities will be conducted within 150 feet of the high water line associated with the Class I watercourse (Beaughton Creek).

No healthy, matures or scenic trees will be removed.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: **Class 4** **Pursuant to §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 within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. 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 CALFIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters in Yreka, Attention Environmental Coordinator.



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