



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Greeley Hill Community Hall Fuel Reduction Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	10340 Fiske Road Greeley Hill CA. NE ¼ of Section 19, T2S, R17E, MDBM	COUNTY	Mariposa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description: The proposed project consists of constructing a shaded fuel break in the town of Greeley Hill in Mariposa County, CA. The project is located on vacant property adjacent to 10340 Fiske Road and is near several key community structures. The project area is approximately 8 acres in size. The project will consist of removing small trees, brush and pruning the lower branches off larger trees to a height of 8 to 10 feet or pruning smaller trees to no less than 1/3 of the live crown length. The purpose of the project is to eliminate ladder fuels, to reduce the risk catastrophic fires and demonstrate how a healthy fire safe forest looks. Tree removal will be limited to trees that are 10 inches in diameter at breast height or less. The post project tree spacing will range from 8 to 20 feet.

To construct this shaded fuel break Mount Bullion California Department of Corrections (CDC) Hand Crews will hand cut small trees and brush using chainsaws and hand tools. The cut vegetation will then be chipped using a towed brush chipper. The chips will be spread out on the project site and allowed to decompose.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14CCR§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 Per California code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15304. This project can be classified as a class 4 minor alteration of the land categorical exemptions. Project site is located in flat topography. No large healthy, scenic, mature trees are to be removed.

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 Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Headquarters.

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