



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Ishi Camp Wastewater Improvement Project	
PROJECT LOCATION	State (CAL FIRE) owned site occupied by Ishi Conservation Camp in eastern Tehama County approximately 4 miles south east of the Community of Paynes Creek, CA. 30502 Plum Creek Road, Paynes Creek, CA 96075. SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 6, T28N-R1E MDBM	COUNTY Tehama
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)	
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Project Description
The project is designed to address deficiencies of the wastewater treatment facility which services Ishi Conservation Camp. Currently, there are two wastewater ponds located on an elevated terrace south of the camp. Each pond is divided into two halves by a soil berm. The perimeter of each pond has a soil berm as containment for the pond water. All berms were constructed of materials removed from the original pond excavation. The ponds had previously received a bentonite lining treatment; however, the ponds are currently leaking and are considered inadequate in size by RWQCB for the population occupying Ishi Conservation Camp. A project is planned to 1) drain the ponds, 2) excavate and remove the center berm dividing each pond, 3) utilize the excavated soils to increase the height of the perimeter berms, and 4) reseal the pond linings before refilling.

- EXEMPTION STATUS**
- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (c) and (f) 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: 14 CCR Section 15304 allows minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. This project fits under portions of two classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (c) and (f). 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 on the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment.

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