



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Jackson Demonstration State Forest Road and Trail Maintenance

**PROJECT LOCATION** Jackson Demonstration State Forest, Fort Bragg, CA **COUNTY** Mendocino

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

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project involves annual, routine road and trail maintenance on permanent, seasonal and temporary roads and trails on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Minor road and trail maintenance activities include: surface drainage improvement, surface armoring, replacing drainage structures, roadside vegetation management (including removal of invasive species, brushing, and non-commercial thinning of young trees), minor reroutes in efforts to minimize or prevent soil erosion or instability, installation of signs and markers, installation of barriers to block illegal access, and removing soil, rock and woody debris obstructions. These activities will increase environmental protection by preventing and reducing environmental impacts such as soil erosion and surface instability. Maintenance activities will be conducted so as to avoid significant adverse impacts to cultural, biological, recreational and aquatic resources.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section:  
   Class 1 Existing Facilities           §15301  
   Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land   §15304
- 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 Class 1 and 4 Categorical Exemptions described in state law (14 CCR Section 15301 & 15304) pertaining to existing facilities and minor alterations to land, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The project involves the operation and maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use and minor alterations to the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation.

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 address noted above.

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