



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Janesville Fuel Break Maintenance - Phase I		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located directly southwest of the town/community of Janesville, CA.	COUNTY	Lassen
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is an old fuel break/Defensible Fuel Profile Zone (DFPZ) that was created by CAL FIRE, the Lassen Fire Safe Council, and other community organizations. This section of the Janesville DFPZ was created in the late 1990's and extends from the Janesville Grade Road northwest for approximately 3.25 miles to Elysian Valley/Creek. The DFPZ is also located along the southwestern boundary of the Janesville community. The project will involve the maintenance of a section of an existing old fuel break/DFPZ. To maintain the effectiveness of the existing DFPZ the project will treat the moderate to dense re-growth of various brush species, downed woody debris will be treated, small pockets of conifer that were not treated during the establishment of the DFPZ or have become re-established will be pre-commercially thinned (DBH less than 10 inches), the conifers will be pruned, and the dead or dying trees impacted by insects/disease will be treated. CAL FIRE Antelope Crews will complete the treatments by hand. The material will be piled and burned.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 15301(h) – Existing Facilities
15304(i) – Minor alterations of 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))

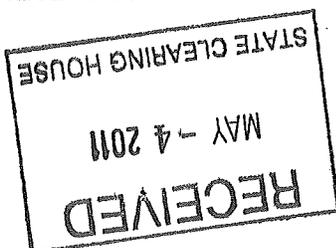
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project will involve the maintenance of an existing fuel break/DFPZ. Therefore, the project fits under the following classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA:

1. 15301(h) Existing Facilities (Class 1) – Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753 Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code);
2. 15304(i) Minor Alteration to Land (Class 4) – Allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

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's LMU Quincy office.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 5/2/11
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