NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Laytonville Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	Approximately 3/4ths-mile north of the town of Laytonville, CA SW ¼ of Sec.1, T21N, R15W; MDB & M	**COUNTY**	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the light to moderate intensity burning of grass for the purpose of training seasonal firefighters. Project activity includes establishing perimeter & interior fire control lines utilizing both heavy equipment and/or hand tools to blade to bare mineral soil. Existing seasonal roads will also be utilized for segments of control line. The project totals approximately 45-acres and will incorporate individual burn units within the project area perimeter. Firing of these units will be conducted in a manner that allows firefighters to utilize direct attack wildland firefighting techniques.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4; 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

The minor soil & vegetation disturbance resulting from this project is compatible with land use practices and values associated with a wildland setting. The project area consists of level pastureland that has been used in the past as a staging area for personnel and heavy equipment. A nine USGS-quad search of the CNDDB did not identify any rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species that will be negatively impacted by this project. A site survey has been made of the area by a trained archaeological surveyor. The CAL FIRE Area Archaeologist has been consulted and has determined that his project is exempt from further archaeological review. The use of prescribed burn parameters/techniques to ignite burn units, the establishment of fire control lines and the presence of trained personnel & equipment on site during project implementation will minimize the potential for fire escape.

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 Mendocino Unit, Resource Management, 17501 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490, Attn. Environmental Coordinator.

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