

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Loyalton Senior Center Shaded Fuel Break		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Section 13, T21N, R15E, MDB&M	<b>COUNTY</b>	Sierra
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area consists of 4.8 acres of eastside Jeffrey pine with sage and bitterbrush understory between 4900 and 5000 ft elevation on level ground. The project involves the use of chainsaws and hand tools to remove and pile understory brush. A track chipper will be brought in to treat the piled material. Planned tree removal is minimal (<20 trees) and limited to trees with less than 6 inch DBH. There are no watercourses present in the area.

The intent is to install a shaded fuel break, up to 200 ft wide to protect the Loyalton Senior Center community from the threat of wildfire.

## EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14 CCR§ 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))
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## REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of **14 CCR§ 15304 Minor Alterations to Land**.

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 NEU Headquarters in Auburn, California.

## DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

 6/24/15  
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date  
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