NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Mount Howell – AT&T Wireless		
PROJECT LOCATION	700 Mount Howell Road, Colfax, CA 95713 APN: 071-111-001	**COUNTY**	Placer
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

AT&T wireless proposes to make modifications to an existing telecommunications tower located at the Mount Howell Lookout site. Modifications include installing a new pre-fab equipment shelter inside an 8' chain link enclosure along with accompanying antennas and telecommunication equipment. The project will also include installing a new 50kw generator on a 6" thick concrete slab approximately 3' wide and 6' long; a new 499 gallon propane tank on 6" thick concrete slab approximately 4' wide and 10' long; and a new 12' wide access gate. The new antennas and telecommunication equipment will be placed on the equipment shelter and existing tower. The remainder of the project install will occur in a heavily disturbed area (approx. 20' x 23') immediately adjacent to the existing tower. The project will not impact any exiting vegetation.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 — 14 CCR § 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land; 14 CCR § 15301 - Existing Facilities
- [ ] 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 under the Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guideline – 14 CCR §15304 covering Minor Alterations to Land and 14 CCR §15301 for Existing Facilities. CAL FIRE's Nevada Yuba Placer Unit has conducted a limited environmental review, especially to address potential impacts to cultural or biological resources, and has concluded that no impacts will occur. Project implementation will not result in facility expansion beyond the current use. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at Unit Headquarters in Auburn. No environmental impacts are anticipated from this project.

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