



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	<i>Mount Shasta Forest Fire Station Fuels Reduction</i>		
PROJECT LOCATION	<i>South 1/2 Section 15, Township 40 North, Range 2 West, MDBM</i>	COUNTY	<i>Siskiyou</i>
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The subject property is the future location of the Mount Shasta Forest Volunteer Fire Station located at the intersection of Wyntoon Way and Timberline Court in the Mount Shasta Forest subdivision just northeast of McCloud. The purpose of the project is to "fire safe" the 2.5 acre lot prior to breaking ground for the new volunteer fire station.

This project will involve cutting and chipping vegetation by Deadwood Conservation Camp fire crews. Brush and sapling size trees will be cut at ground level and larger trees will be limbed to approximately 12 feet. No "healthy, mature, scenic trees" will be cut. Cut material will be chipped onsite and the resulting chip piles will be spread by hand.

The subject parcel and surrounding area is forested with a mixed conifer stand dominated by ponderosa pine and white fir. Other species present in lesser amounts include incense cedar and black oak. Tree diameters range from saplings to approximately 36 inches. The topography of the parcel is generally flat on the eastern portion of the parcel where the fire station will be built. The western portion of the parcel has gentle slopes ranging from 5 to 15%.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: *15304 Minor Alteration to Land; Class 4*
- 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 portions of: 15304 Minor Alteration to Land; Class 4

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 headquarters in Yreka.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date *6/19/12*
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