



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	North Region Firing Class Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	A portion of Section 35 within T14N, R3W, MDBM, approximately 5 miles west of the town of Arbuckle, CA.	COUNTY	Colusa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves on-going training of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) personnel in the proper procedures of firing techniques to control wildland fires. The project area is 50 acres of grassland within the 1,000+ acre privately owned Wiggins Ranch property located west of Arbuckle, CA. The project area is entirely within State Responsibility Area, is zoned as ranch land and used as grazing land for cattle. CAL FIRE Type 3 engines and a fire suppression helicopter will be used for the training burn and will be present for all burning activities.

The proposed 50 acres is entirely grazed grassland and surrounded by existing roads and dozer line. There is no threatened and endangered plant or animal species in the project area. No archaeological resources are located in the project area. All applicable burn permits issued from the Colusa Air Quality Management District will be obtained prior to commencement of the project. Due to the ongoing nature of the project the Department will reassess the environmental conditions of the project five (5) years from May 1, 2012.

EXEMPTION STATUS

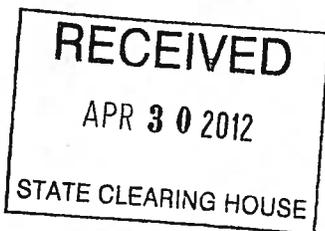
- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (i)
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 4 §15304 (i) 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 CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters (Attention Environmental Coordinator), 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date
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