NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Parlin Fork Conservation Camp Water Well		
PROJECT LOCATION	Legal Description: Township 17 North, Range 16 West, Section 4; Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian. Address: 23000 Highway 20, Ft. Bragg, CA 95437	**COUNTY**	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project consists of drilling a well to serve as an emergency water supply for Parlin Fork Conservation Camp. The well will be approximately 200 feet in depth and will be connected to existing power and water supply systems by conduit installed in a 6-in width by 18-in depth by 250-ft length series of trenches. The well and associated power and water lines will be installed on previously disturbed ground located adjacent to the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp Water Treatment Plant. Vegetation removal will be limited to surface plants & shrubs. Hand labor will be utilized for the trenching process. Soil removed for trenching will be back-filled and the surface covered with soil and/or gravel. A diesel-powered mobile well-drilling apparatus, with associated support vehicles, will be utilized for three to four days for the well drilling. Total project construction time is estimated at approximately 4 days. This project is necessary to insure that Parlin Fork Camp has a viable water supply. The current water system consists of a sub-surface river intake. Water flow to the intake has been diminishing due to the severe California drought. Further reduction of water flow will force closure of Parlin Fork Camp, greatly impacting CAL FIRE's ability to maintain a force of inmate fire-fighting crews.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption — Type/Section: Class 3; 15303 (e) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Class 4; 15304 (a)(f) Grading < 10% Slope, 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 proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The California Natural Diversity Data Base was searched, and no rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species were identified on the project site that will be negatively impacted by this project. The CAL FIRE Area Archaeologist has been consulted and has determined that this project is exempt from further archaeological review.Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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 and 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 and 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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