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 Power Upgrade		
PROJECT LOCATION	Camp location: 23000 Highway 20, Ft. Bragg, CA 95437 Power line location: T18N, R17W; Secs 22,23,25; T18N, R16W, Secs 30,31,32; T 17N, R16W, Secs 4,5; Mt Diablo Baseline & Meridian	**COUNTY**	Mendocino
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project consists of a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) upgrade of the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp power supply from 2-phase to 3-phase. Project activity will involve the installation of new stringer arms & power cable onto power poles located along an existing power line right-of-way (ROW). The ROW extends along State Highway 20 and Jackson Demonstration State Forest Road 320 for a distance of approximately 46, 176 ft. A single new power pole will be installed near the Parlin Fork sawmill yard, with underground service to be provided to the sawmill.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 — 15301 (c) Existing Facilities; 15304 (f) 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

This project fits under portions of two classes of Categorical Exemptions: An upgrade of the power supply to existing Camp facilities (Class I) and installation of a new power pole and underground service to the sawmill (Class 4). The project will occur entirely within previously disturbed areas. Installation activity will have no greater effect than the shrub & tree trimming, pole & power line repair/replacement that occurs on a regular basis within the PG&E ROW. The CAL FIRE Area Archaeologist has been consulted and has determined that this project is exempt from further archaeological review. The project has been determined to have an insignificant effect on the biological resources of Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

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 Mendocino Unit, Resource Management, 17501 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490, Attn. Environmental Coordinator.

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