



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	River Pines Station On-Going Training Site		
PROJECT LOCATION	T8N, R11E, SW1/4 of Section 8, MDBM	COUNTY	El Dorado
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves on-going training of CALFIRE Amador – El Dorado Unit River Pines Station personnel. On-going training will occur annually and shall consist of the following: hoselays, training hikes, hand-line construction, mobile attack, chain saw training (felling and bucking) and vegetative debris pile burning. This NOE will cover ongoing training of CALFIRE personnel for approximately 10 years. In 2022, CAL FIRE will re-assess the environmental setting and amend the CEQA file for this project as appropriate.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 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 the description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. CAL FIRE staff conducted an environmental review to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This review included on-the-ground field inspection by the Unit Forester and a CALFIRE State Archaeologist and consultation over the telephone and via email with representatives of the California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Neither of these two experts expressed any concerns with the proposed 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 AEU Unit Headquarters in Camino, Attention Environmental Coordinator.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date
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