



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE School District Fuel Reduction Project

PROJECT LOCATION Treatment Area #1: 1300 Golden Rule Lane, Lake Arrowhead
 Treatment Area #2: 180 Grandview Road, Twin Peaks **COUNTY** San Bernardino
 Treatment Area #3: 730 Rhine Road, Lake Arrowhead
 Treatment Area #4: 27400 Highway 18, Lake Arrowhead

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project consists of the cutting and pruning of trees and brush for the purposes of improving public safety, improving residual tree/stand health, and reducing the stands susceptibility to wildfire. The cutting will be accomplished by hand crews with chainsaws or other appropriate hand tools. Slash generated by this project will be treated by a wood chipper. The wood chips will be broadcast back on site. Tree removal shall be limited to those less than 12 inches in Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), except for dead, dying, and diseased trees, which may be removed at any size if it is determined by CAL FIRE RPF or supervised designee that in its current state it poses a threat to public safety. No commercialization of wood products will occur. Healthy, mature scenic trees shall be retained. Heavy equipment will only operate on existing road surfaces; both paved and native surface roads area acceptable. No new roads will be constructed. The total project area is 79 Acres of mixed conifer/oak forest

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class §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))

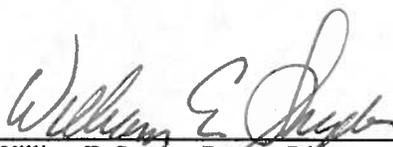
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of a Class 4 Categorical Exemption, 15304. Minor Alterations to Land. "Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes."

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 the San Bernardino Unit Head Quarters, 3800 N. Sierra Way San Bernardino, CA 92405..

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director 5/31/12
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Date