



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Thamar Shaded Fuel Break

PROJECT LOCATION The project area is located approximately one mile west of the community of Mount Shasta. **COUNTY** Siskiyou
 Legal Description: Portions of Section 7, T40N, R4W, MDB&M and Section 12, T40N, R5W, MBD&M

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will involve of the installation of a 55 acre shaded fuel break approximately 1.5 miles in length and 300 feet in width. The project area is located on a prominent ridge top approximately one mile west of the community of Mount Shasta within close proximity of city limits and residential development. The area is characterized by a sparse to moderately dense, mixed conifer stand consisting of Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, white fir, incense cedar, and black oak 80 to 100 years of age. The understory is composed of moderate to dense occurrences of brush species, conifer in growth and moderate amounts of fine woody debris. Slopes ranging from 0% to 30%, and there are no watercourses within the project area.

Hand crews will be utilized to remove brush species, thin understory trees 8" DBH or less, prune leave trees to a height of 6 to 8 feet and remove existing ground fuels between 1 and 5 inches in diameter. All of the woody material generated by treatment activities will placed in manageable piles, which are no larger than 6 feet in height and 8 feet in diameter, and burned during safe climatic conditions. Piles will be established as far as possible from residual trees. Burning will take place on approved burn days a determined by the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District. No healthy, matures or scenic trees will be removed.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: **Class 4** Pursuant to §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 within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. 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 CALFIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters in Yreka. Attention Environmental Coordinator.

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