



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	White Rock Prescribed Fire		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located in the foothills approximately .5 miles west of Interstate 5, between the communities of Granada and Gazelle. Legal Description: Section 28, T44N, R6W, MDBM	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project will entail broadcast burning over approximately 26 acres as a means of wildfire prevention and reestablishment of an existing dozer line fire break around the perimeter of the burn area. It is possible broadcast burning will be conducted on annual bases; however, due to limited resources and time constraints burning will likely be conducted every three to four years.

The vegetation type within and surrounding the project area can be characterized as high mountain desert comprised of rabbit brush, annual grasses, perennial forbs and highly scattered buck brush and western juniper. Slopes range from 0% to 40% with an average slope of 20% and are oriented in a northwest aspect. The project area does not contain any watercourses or other water features.

The project area is owned by Siskiyou County and is currently utilized as a shooting range for law enforcement personnel. During most of the year the area is dry to extremely dry and subject to potential fire starts resulting from the heavy use of fire arms even during winter months. In general, the project is designed to drastically reduce the fire danger in Siskiyou County; however, it is specifically designed to reduce fire danger to the rural residences located approximately 800 feet east of the project boundary.

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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