



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	SRA Highway 32 Wilder Fuels Reduction		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	State Highway 32 from Forest Ranch, CA to south below Wilder Road.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Butte
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire)		
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**Project Description**

This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees less than 6 inch in diameter and dead woody debris (snags less than 11 inch in diameter) within the right of way of State Highway 32. The project will be carried out on both sides of the highway from 14 Mile House Road on the north and southward to approximately 1 mile south of Wilder Road. The project will encompass an approximate 35 acres. The purpose of this project is to reduce fuel loads and fire hazard, and create fuel breaks along the highway. Cut vegetation will be piled and burned or chipped, with all work being done by hand. Chipping where desirable will be done only from paved or graveled permanent surfaces. Burning will be done under permit from local Air Quality Management authority and timed to occur when moisture levels are sufficiently high enough to allow for safe disposal with minimal risk of escape. After daily commencement, project will be patrolled as needed in evenings (4 to 8 hours after burning operations) by CAL FIRE Station 23 (Forest Ranch FS) engine crews.

**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 within the descriptions for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA described in the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Section 15304), Minor Alterations to Land. The Unit Forester/Environmental Coordinator has conducted an environmental review and has field inspected the project site. The Department has determined that no significant environmental impacts would occur. Documentation of the environmental review conducted is on file at Butte Unit Headquarters in Oroville at 176 Nelson Avenue and at Sacramento Headquarters.

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director    Date 2/14/14