



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Dew Drop Forest Fire Station		
PROJECT LOCATION	T8N R14E SEC 30.	COUNTY	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes to broadcast burn the CAL FIRE property at the Dew Drop Forest Fire Station located on Highway 88 approximately 9 miles east of Pioneer, CA. This project is located on gentle slopes 0-15% within timber understory typical of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada at 4,200' elevation. The project area is bounded on the south, west and north by Sierra Pacific Industries land and on the east by the El Dorado National Forest. Overstory trees within the project include ponderosa pine, sugar pine, white fir, douglas fir, and incense cedar. The project area is almost devoid of understory vegetation. Fuel loading within the project area is limited to very light timber litter and grass. No heavy equipment shall be utilized for the project. Primary fire control lines exist in the form of permanent roads including Hwy 88 which is the project areas southern Boundary. Firing methods shall be limited to hand firing methods.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 15304 (f) 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 definitions Class 4 (§15304) involving minor alterations to land.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE staff has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to energy, aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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, utilities and service systems or to wildfire. A biological assessment in consultation with CA Department of Fish and Wildlife which included a search of the California Natural Diversity Database on 11/15/2021. A Professional CAL FIRE Archaeologist was consulted and there shall be no anticipated impacts to cultural resources. Burning will only be done on approved air quality burn days. The project as proposed shall not have a significant impact on the environment. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Sutter Hill Fires Station 11600 Highway 49, Sutter Creek, CA 95685.

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John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director Date
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