

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of:

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001
(Address)

Project Title: Encroachment Permit 02-18-N-LM-0227

Project Applicant: Plumas County Fire Safe Council

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed project is located in Plumas County on State Route (SR) 70 from post mile 68.75 to 69.78.

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council proposes to implement the Mohawk Vista/C-Road Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project to reduce the volume of forest biomass as a wildfire mitigation measure for landowners in the communities of Mohawk Vista and C-Road. A portion of the work would occur within the State's right-of-way along the north side of SR 70 from post mile 68.75 to 69.78. Work would involve removing ladder fuels including brush and conifers up to 10" in diameter at breast height using mastication equipment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans for issuance of encroachment permit

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas County Fire Safe Council

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15304
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined that the proposed work within the State's right-of-way to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Class 4 (i) - Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Emiliano Pro Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 225-3174

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/25/19 Title: Env. Branch Chief - R1

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

County's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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