



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE	Trinity Community Resilience Project (5GG17203)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Hayfork and Weaverville, CA. Portions of; T31N, R12W, sec. 1, 2, 11, & 12. T32N R12W sec. 35 & 36. T34N R09W sec. 19 and T34N R10W sec. 25. Mount Diablo Meridian.	COUNTY	Trinity
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC), plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of hand thinning and roadside chipping on an approximately 2,600-acre footprint associated with this project. The project areas in Hayfork and Weaverville, CA are an integral part of the WRTCs landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically placed along roadsides and adjacent to habitable structures and critical infrastructure to protect the life and property of Hayfork and Weaverville residents as well as to provide safe evacuation routes and ease of firefighter access and suppression efforts. The project area includes portions of many different private landowners within the SRA and WUI, our objective is to treat approximately 300 acres of the 2,600-acre footprint. Topography is mostly gentle (15%-45%) throughout much of the project area, elevations range from approximately 2200' – 3400'.

The prescription includes hand thinning of small diameter (less than 8" DBH) conifers and shrubs that are adjacent to habitable structures, critical infrastructure, and/or roadways and driveways. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. Cut materials within 100 feet of a road will bucked and carried to the chipper then chipped and broadcasted on site. Any remaining material that cannot be chipped will be lop-and-scattered on site.

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))

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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts 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.

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