



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

2020020134

PROJECT TITLE	Coutolenc Fuel Reduction		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections 1, 2 T23N R03E, Sec. 6, 7 T23N R04E, MDM	COUNTY	Butte
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 10" in diameter) and dead woody debris (snags less than 10" in diameter), in areas of Upper Coutolenc Rd. and Hupp-Coutolenc Rd. to reduce the fire hazard and create a fuel break. Fuels will be chipped. The project area is approximately 71.8 acres in size. The proposed work period for this project is scheduled for late Winter to early Spring 2020, with a goal of completing this work prior to the beginning of fire season. Equipment used by the contractor(s) may include the following: chainsaws, pole saws, and pruning shears. This project is funded by the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (Grant Agreement Number 5GG17127). CAL FIRE Butte Ranger Unit shall be involved with this project by inspecting the project area after the completion of operations. The Ranger Unit personnel shall validate that the Fuels Treatment work has been satisfactorily completed and authorize the release of grant funds to pay contractors for projected area that has been treated.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
 Class 7 §15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources
 & Class 8 §15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
- 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 of the above-listed three Categorical Exemptions authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review and office research conducted by the department confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. I have 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 CAL FIRE Headquarters - 1416 9th St. Sacramento, CA 95814.

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