



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

2020030591

**PROJECT TITLE** Boggs Mountain Helipad Expansion

**PROJECT LOCATION** T11N R8W Section 2 **COUNTY** Lake

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project proposes the addition of a 75' X 75' W Helipad to Boggs Mountain Helitack Base. The NW edge of the pad will be 85' from the front of the existing hangar. The entire project will be within the existing approach, and does not change from the scope of the activities at the base over the last several decades. The new pad is a required addition for the replacement of the UH-1H helicopter currently in use with a larger S70i helicopter. The S70i has a larger support base and rotor diameter that require the larger dimension pad. The approach and base sit atop a small ridgeline along the Western edge of Boggs Mountain State Forest. Heavy equipment will be utilized to prepare the site.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 §15303 New Construction
- 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 under the description for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. CAL FIRE staff conducted an environmental review to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This review included on-the-ground field inspection by the Boggs Mountain State Forest Forester and a CALFIRE State Archaeologist and consultation over the telephone and via email with representatives of Lake County Air Quality. None of these experts expressed any concerns with the proposed project. The Department has 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 LNU Headquarters in Saint Helena, Boggs Mountain Helitack Base, and in B1418's office at Kelsey Cobb Station 34.

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