

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Hotelling Gulch Aquatic Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0113-R1)

**Project Location:** The project area is located on public land administered by the United States Forest Service in Hotelling Gulch, a tributary to the South Fork Salmon River, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Latitude 41.238, Longitude -123.279. The project is in the Youngs Peak USGS 7.5 Minute Quad map, at Township 10N, Range 8E, Section 28, Humboldt Meridian

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0113-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Salmon River Restoration Council.

The project will re-connect the surface flows of Hotelling Gulch into what is thought to be the historic channel. Realignment of the stream channel will reconstruct approximately 550 feet of streambed into the western (historic) alignment of Hotelling Gulch and concurrent filling of approximately 550 feet of abandoned channel in the eastern alignment (current channel). The western alignment provides a better stream topography for salmonids and other aquatic organisms to enter the gulch from the South Fork Salmon River and for transiting upstream. By improving the potential for aquatic organisms to move upstream, an estimated 1.4 miles of additional stream habitat may become accessible. This project will also upgrade an undersized double-culvert crossing at Cecilville Road to a full-span bridge that will allow for 100-year storm events as well as passage of large wood and coarse sediment.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Ruth D'Amico, U.S. Forest Service, Klamath National Forest, with the Salmon River Restoration Council as the Project permittee.

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project will improve natural stream function in Hotelling Gulch. No significant impacts to existing natural resources are anticipated and it meets the acreage criteria for a small habitat restoration project. The results of this project will yield improved salmonid access to 1.4 miles of cold-water refugia.

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