## Notice of Exemption

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Department of Fish and Wildlife WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Judah Grossman

Project Title: Upper Butte Creek Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Lassen National Forest, approximately 14 miles southwest of Lake Almanor.

Project Location - Nearby city: Lake Almanor West

**Project Location - County:** Butte, Plumas, Tehama

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project will complete environmental review and plan for future restoration work that would include restoring degraded montane meadows and streams, enhancing aspen stands, improving roads to benefit sensitive environmental resources, and reducing hazardous fire fuels within a 15,800-acre planning area in Butte, Plumas, and Tehama counties. WCB Project ID: 2020132.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Sec. 15268):

Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:

- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This is a planning project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

## 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? Xes (by this notice) No

Signature: John F. Donnelly

8/27/2021 Date:

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code. Date received for Filing:

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