

Notice of Exemption Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Post Office Box 1450 · 30 Horseshoe Lane · Weaverville, CA 96093-1450

PROJECT TITLE	Weaver Basin Community Protection Plan Phase 3		
Project Location	Weaverville, California. Portions of Sections 25, 36, T34N, R10W. Portions of Section 30, T34N, R09W. Portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, R33N, R10W. Portions of Section 6, T33N, R09W (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian).	County	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) will implement fuels reduction and prescribed burning activities on approximately 1,370 Acres in the community of Weaverville, CA. This project builds on nearly 20 years of deliberate investments in community wildfire protection, watershed restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement in the Weaver basin. It represents a multijurisdictional, inter-agency effort to steward lands surrounding the Weaverville community.

Treatment prescriptions include broadcast burning, manual thinning, chipping, hand-piling and burning, and mastication. Thinning will remove live and dead shrubs and small trees up to 12" in diameter to reduce fuel loading. The treatments will provide improved defensible space for structures in the project area, and improve ingress and egress safety in the event of a wildfire. They will also serve to improve forest health by reducing competition, increasing residual tree vigor, and reintroducing low-intensity fire to fire-adapted ecosystems.

EXEMPTION STATUS				
\boxtimes	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))			

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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