

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108*

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018092067

Project Title: Inman Creek Sediment Reduction Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0173-R3)

Project Location: The project is in southern Mendocino County in the Inman Creek Planning Watershed.

To access the project travel generally west on Fish Rock Rd approximately 10 miles to the saddle at Squaw Rock. Then travel generally northwest on the Inman Creek Rd approximately 2 miles to the bridge crossing on Inman Creek which is the downstream end of worksite 1.

From worksite 1, travel another 3 miles north west on Inman Creek Rd to the crossing marking the lower end of worksite 2.

Work site 1 is adjacent to a class I tributary (fish bearing) of Inman creek. The distance from the downstream end of worksite 1 to the mainstem of Inman Creek is less than 1, 000 feet.

Work site 2 is adjacent to a major class II tributary (non-fish bearing) with year-round flow. The distance from the downstream end of worksite 2 to the confluence with the north fork of Inman Creek is approximately 7,500 feet.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0173-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, The Conservation Fund.

Inman Creek Sediment Reduction Project will improve anadromous fish habitat conditions by decommissioning approximately 1.6 miles of road and associated crossings. The abandonment and stabilization of watercourse crossings with high sediment delivery risk will result in approximately 2,000 yds³ of future sediment savings. Total acres of upslope to be treated is 3.9 acres.

The project is necessary because the salmonid habitat conditions in the Inman Creek watershed have degraded due to legacy logging activities that caused excessive delivery of sediment to the streams. Salmonid recovery plans recommend decreasing sediment input by reducing road densities and treating sediment sources.

This project will implement sediment reduction activities at 23 identified features, along approximately 1.6 miles of road, largely designated as high or moderate treatment immediacy in the sediment source assessment. All hydrologically connected road surfaces are recommended for treatment.

The goal of road drainage treatments is to hydrologically disconnect the road from the stream system and disperse road surface runoff, facilitating infiltration into the native ground. Road decommissioning treatments include removing old or failed crossings, road out-sloping, ripping the road surface, and crossroad drain installation. All proposed road work will be constructed according to the guidelines and standards in the 'Handbook for Forest, Ranch, and Rural Roads: (Weaver, Weppner, and Hagans, 2015) and the California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual, Part X (Weaver et al., 2006).

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency approved the above described project on 11/27/2018 and has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081, subdivision (a).

The mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record related to the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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CJ Weightman
 Signature _____ Date: August 3, 2020 _____
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