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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019069023

**Project Title:** Middle Mattole Instream Wood Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0527-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within the Mattole River watershed, in the sub-basins of Fourmile and Sholes creeks, approximately 5 miles southeast of the town of Honeydew, County of Humboldt, State of California.

**Project Description:** The project shall not exceed 113 encroachments, each a potential site of instream-wood placement. The proposed encroachments (55 sites in Sholes Creek; 58 sites in Fourmile Creek) seek to augment instream wood by constructing wood structures in the stream channel. The BLM and their partners identified treatment sites in reaches with low potential for natural-wood recruitment and accumulation, and selected existing stream features where they expect wood structures to enhance and/or retain desirable channel characteristics and habitat.

The Middle Mattole Instream Wood Project is one component of a larger project known as Redwoods to the Sea Corridor Forest Resilience Project. This larger project will create shaded fuel breaks in nearby-upland locations, which will supply the Douglas Fir stems used in the construction of wood structures. A helicopter will fly and place wood in the streams, with assistance from staff on the ground. Helicopter operations require careful coordination with biological-support staff. Designated Biologists shall be present at each site to identify vulnerable fish and wildlife resources and facilitate operations and equipment use. The Designated Biologists shall ensure the risk of take is minimized and, if necessary, clear the site and safely relocate fish and wildlife. In instances where the risk of take exists and Designated Biologists cannot reasonably move fish and wildlife (e.g. nests), Permittee shall seek alternative locations for wood placement.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as  the Lead Agency /  a Responsible Agency approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A  mitigated negative declaration /  negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
CDFW considered the  mitigated negative declaration /  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_