

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2020040195
Project Title: WUI Wide Forest and Watershed Restoration Project - Big Chico Creek Forest Health Restoration
Project Applicant: Butte County Fire Safe Council
Project Location (include county): Butte County; west of Forest Ranch, east of Cohasset, and north of Chico

Project Description:
The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) would provide funding to the Butte County Fire Safe Council to implement fuel reduction and restoration treatments to increase connections between existing forest health projects and result in WUI-wide forest restoration within the Big Chico Creek Watershed. Treatment activities include mechanical and manual thinning, including mastication, livestock grazing, herbicide application, and prescribed burning, including both broadcast and pile burning. The purpose of these treatments is to promote forest and watershed health, reduce fuel load, and demonstrate efficacy of climate beneficial prescriptions.

This is to advise that CAL FIRE (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on April 14, 2025, has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project [ will will not ] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A Mitigated or a Negative Declaration was prepared for his project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigated measures [ were were not ] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was was not ] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was was not ] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were were not ] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:
https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Project/2020040195

Signature (Public Agency): John Melvin Title: Assistant Deputy Director
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Date: 4/15/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: