



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Williams Ranch Fuel Reduction and HFE0 Training		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Portions of: T29N, R9W, Section 1, 2, MDBM T30N, R8W, Section 31 MDBM T30N, R9W, Section 36 MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Shasta
<b>PUBLIC AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE, in cooperation with one private landowner, is planning an approximately 400-acre fuel reduction project 2.5 miles north-east of Platina, CA. This project is located on several different vegetation types including; mixed conifer, oak woodland, and chaparral. Fuel reduction treatment is proposed up to 200’ on either side of approximately 7 miles of existing roads and dozer lines identified within the project area. This fuels reduction will serve as a training opportunity for Heavy Fire Equipment Operators (HFE0) newly hired within the unit. Training, and fuel reduction will include the use of a masticator, chainsaws, and dozer to grind and crush material within and adjacent to existing roads and dozer lines to instruct on control line and fuelbreak construction. This will be completed by thinning suppressed trees (generally <10” DBH) and shrubs up to approximately 200’ on either side of the roads. Project activities may be implemented any time of year, and will not be conducted during saturated soil conditions.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- 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**

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of brush removal and understory thinning via hand crews, dozer, and mastication. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. This project will not convert forestland to nonforest uses, and all treated vegetation will have the ability to grow back. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur 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. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 875 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING**

Mathew Reischman, Assistant Deputy Director  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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 Date