

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Berry Creek Fuel Reduction		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections 28,33,34,35,36 T21NR5E, Sec. 1,2,12 T20NR5E MDB&M	COUNTY	Butte
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Description and Environmental Setting (Describe the project activities, project site and its surroundings, its location, and the environmental setting. The project is located within the WUI community of Bald Rock. This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 10" in diameter) and dead woody debris (snags less than 10" in diameter), in areas of Bald Rock Rd., and Big Ridge Rd. to reduce the fire hazard and fuel loading along proposed escape routes. Fuel breaks shall be constructed adjacent to structures, and within 150' of public, permanent and seasonal roads to reduce fuel loading along proposed escape routes. Fuels can be chipped, or lopped and scattered for a total acreage of 161.5. The proposed work period (hand cutting, lopping, and chipping) for this project is scheduled for 2020. This project funded by CAL FIRE through the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Program. The grant number is 5GG17129. The grantee is the Butte County Fire Safe Council.

EXEMPTION STATUS

Categorical Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land Exemption

- 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))
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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project is classified as a Categorical Exemption, Class 4, section 1504 minor alterations to land. The project consists of the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 10" in diameter) and dead woody debris (snags less than 10" in diameter) along major escape routes and travel ways within the area of Berry Creek to reduce fire hazard and create fuel breaks. Approximately 46% of the fuel break area within the project will be treating vegetation around habitable structures for fire safe clearance. Furthermore, sensitive environments, unusual circumstances, a scenic highway, historical resources or hazardous waste sites are not located within the project area. Thus the project fits classification as a categorical exemption, Class 4, section 1504 minor alterations to land. Documentation of the environmental review completed by Sierra Timber Services on behalf of Butte County Fire Safe Council and CAL FIRE is kept on file at 1600 Feather River Blvd., Suite B, Oroville, CA 95965 and CAL FIRE's BTU Office, 176 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965.

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