



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Canyon Gulch Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of; T31N, R5W, Section 34, 35 MDBM T30N, R5W, Section 2, 3 MDBM	COUNTY	Shasta
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE, in cooperation with three private landowners, is planning an approximately 80-acre roadside fuel reduction project 6 miles northwest of Anderson, CA. This project is located on several different vegetation types including oak woodland and dense shrub thickets. Fuel reduction treatment is proposed up to 200' on approximately 3 miles of China Gulch Dr. and Canyon Rd. Manual and mechanical fuel reduction will be completed by use of chainsaws, chipper, and masticator to thin suppressed trees (generally <10" DBH) and shrubs up to approximately 200' on the south side of approximately 1.8 miles of China Gulch Dr., and approximately 1 mile of Canyon Rd. Cut material will be masticated, chipped back into the unit, and/or piled and burned. 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 understorey thinning via hand crews, mastication, and associated pile burning. 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, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 875 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001.

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