

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Region 1 - Northern  
601 Locust Street  
Redding, California 96001



*Street Address:*

1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Janicki Remediation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0233-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project site is located at 2851 Forest Service Rd 5N21 approximately four miles south of Burnt Ranch in Trinity County; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 011-020-17-00.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) No. 1600-2020-0233-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Edward Janicki, agent for Emerald Forest Wilderness Retreats, LLC.

This project has been proposed to address sediment inputs and risk of crossing failure at four existing stream crossings on unnamed tributaries within the Mill Creek watershed. One crossing will consist of removal existing fill materials and a 4" PVC pipe to place an 18" corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert or armored ford to meet 100-year storm capacity to avoid obstruction of flow and minimize risk of crossing failure. A second crossing will undergo maintenance activities to replace an existing rusted 24" CMP culvert with a new 24" CMP including armoring of the fill faces to reduce sediment inputs. A third crossing will be completely decommissioned, and stream channel restored to natural conditions; while the fourth crossing, will undergo armoring of bridge abutments to prevent erosion from road surface runoff and scour from high flows.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Mr. Edward Janicki (Emerald Forest Wilderness Retreats, LLC)

**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemptions. Types:

**Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301,** Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

**Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 (c),** Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304,** Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

**Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333,** Projects not exceeding five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed project involves the maintenance, replacement, or removal of existing stream crossings, and is necessary to minimize risk of failure and impacts from sediment to the stream systems. This project, as carried out in accordance with the Agreement, poses no significant adverse impacts to endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat.

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