



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Post Carr Fire Hazardous Fuels Reduction – North of 299W and French Gulch		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Specific roadways located north of Hwy 299W and along Trinity Mountain Road in French Gulch	<b>COUNTY</b>	Shasta
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Post Carr Fire Hazardous Fuels Reduction – North of 299W project is located in Shasta County in the communities of French Gulch, Old Shasta, and Keswick into Redding city limits. The project includes fuel reduction and hazard tree removal on approximately 606 acres along roads, ingress and egress points, and firefighting infrastructure to provide for safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel. This will be addressed by the removal of dead and dying trees and control of re-sprouting vegetation within 200 feet of serviceable roadways that pose a structural threat to roadways or public or private infrastructure. Work is scheduled for 2020-2021. Treatment will focus on the removal of dead vegetation along the road edge and adjacent to structures up to 200 feet. Treatments will include mechanical and hand removal of hazardous vegetation. All dead and dying vegetation will be removed and living trees will be spaced to a distance no greater than 30 feet. Mechanical operations will include the use of a masticator and chipping equipment and manual treatment's will include chainsaws, loppers or pruners, piling and burning.

Removal of hazardous trees and fuel reduction will have a direct benefit to the life and safety of residents and travelling motorists in the area. The value of the fuel treatments, both in terms of reduced fire behavior/intensity and in terms of impacts will produce long-term benefits. These benefits include reductions in vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels and removing competition from many small, closely spaced, fire-vulnerable species into a smaller number of resilient larger trees, thereby improving overall fire resiliency and carbon stocks.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and 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

This project fits under a portion of Class 4 categorical exemption “15304 Minor Alterations to Land.” Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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 or traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE’s Shasta-Trinity Unit Headquarters.

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