

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Tasmam Koyom Meadow Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0157-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Yellow Creek, in the County of Plumas, State of California; Latitude 40.133472, Longitude -121.256622 or Section 1, Township 26N, Range 6E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Almanor California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0157-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mountain Maidu Tribe, Maidu Summit Consortium, as represented by Benjamin Cunningham

The Project is limited to the construction of 40 wood debris jams and beaver dam analogs (BDA) by hand in Yellow Creek and tributaries in the Tasmam Koyom (Humbug) meadow valley, as part of a restoration effort aimed at encouraging its use by extirpated species and restoring historic flows. The BDAs will be placed in order to restore Yellow Creek to promote sediment deposition, channel migration, and floodplain and channel connectivity. The structures will be placed during baseflow conditions in the Yellow Creek channel by hand and consist primarily of natural site materials and untreated delivered to the site by hand or by ATV.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Mountain Maidu Tribe, Maidu Summit Consortium

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** *Class 33, section 15333;* The project is exempt because it does not exceed five acres in size and assures the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. Additionally, no significant adverse impact is anticipated, due to the size and scope of the project, to endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat; there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site; and, the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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