Notice of Exemption

To:

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



Project Title: Long Gulch Remediation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0830-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project site is located approximately one mile northwest of Yreka in Siskiyou County; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 013-011-280-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) No. 1600-2019-0830-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Tong Xiong.

This project has been proposed to address sediment input and risk of continued fill failure from a poorly designed road/pad structure within the headwaters of an ephemeral stream. This project proposes to excavate and replace existing fill with an appropriately engineered low-water armored stream crossing to mitigate fill failure and sediment input from scour of the existing road/pad surface. The road along the crossing surface as well as the outfall of the crossing will be armored to withstand 100-year storm flows.

Public Agency Approving Project: <u>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE</u>

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Tong Xiong

Exempt Status	:
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	Statutory Exemption.
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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.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project involves the remediation of an existing pad/road segment that has placed fill material in the headwaters of an ephemeral stream. The existing fill will be replaced with an appropriately engineered low-water crossing on a headwater stream to abate continued impacts from sediment discharge associated with the poorly designed crossing. The project will occur within the same footprint and will serve the same purpose as the replaced structure yet is designed to abate continued sediment impacts to the stream channel from fill failure through proper engineering. 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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