



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Newton/Lane Fuels Reduction Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Westside Road, Yreka	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area consists of 28 acres of abandoned pasture lands and a small 3-acre patch of trees. The project is located within the city limits of Yreka CA, directly adjacent to State Responsibility Area, south east of the intersection of Hwy 3 and Westside road in south Yreka, (T44N, R07W, Sec. 3). The project will reduce hazardous fuels by treating grass, brush and small trees in an area immediately adjacent to a residential area within the Yreka city limits. Objectives will be achieved through the use of hand thinning and prescribed fire. Larger brush plants will be cut by hand and piled for burning. Small trees and limbs of larger trees will be piled for burning. No trees over 8 inches in diameter at breast height will be removed unless they pose a threat to project personnel or the public. The area shows evidence of multiple illegal cooking fires in areas of thick vegetation. This project will reduce the threat of wildlife by treating highly flammable fuels and by increasing the visibility of the area thereby discouraging illegal fires.

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

This project fits under Class 4, §15304, Minor Alterations of Land, Categorical Exemption to CEQA: Pursuant to Section 15304, Class 4 consists of minor alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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 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, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CALFIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters in Yreka.

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