



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Old Bully Choop Road Fuel Break Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions Of: T30N, R8W, Sections 11, 14, 23, 24 MDBM	COUNTY	Shasta
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE, in cooperation with ten private landowners, is planning an approximately 110-acre roadside fuel reduction project approximately 10 miles north-east of Platina, CA. This project is located on several different vegetation types including; mixed conifer, oak woodland, and chaparral. Fuel reduction treatment is proposed up to 100' from centerline on approximately 4.25 miles of Old Bully Choop Road. Manual and mechanical fuel reduction will include the use of a masticator and chainsaws to thin suppressed trees (generally <10" DBH) and shrubs. Cut material will be masticated, chipped back into the unit, and/or piled and burned.

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

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 project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of brush removal and understory thinning via hand crews, mastication, and associated pile burning. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. This project will not convert forestland to non-forest uses, and all treated vegetation will have the ability to grow back. 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, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 875 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001.

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