

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Shasta
 1643 Market St
 Redding, CA 96001

From: (Public Agency): Western Shasta RCD
 6270 Parallel Road
 Anderson, CA 96007

(Address)

Project Title: Rail Trail and Middle Creek Trail BLM Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Along the Sacramento River Rail Trail and Middle Creek Trail -- See attached maps

Project Location - City: Keswick/Old Shasta/Redding Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to reduce hazard fuel loads, particularly dead standing/down vegetation that resulted from 2018's Carr Fire. Fuels will be treated with a combination of hand cutting, piling, and burning, and mechanical treatments. Project beneficiaries will primarily be the users of these popular public trails that will have improved safety, aesthetics, and reduced fire danger. Fuel loads will be reduced 50-feet from the edges of these trails on both sides. Work along the Rail Trail will take place between the Heart Rate Hill Parking Lot and the Keswick Boat Ramp. Work along the Middle Creek Trail will take place between the Sacramento River Trail and the French Fry Trail Head in Old Shasta.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ross Perry, Project Manager

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: AB-267 Exemption: prescribed fire, thinning, and fuel reduction projects.


Reasons why project is exempt:

AB-267: Existing law, until January 1, 2023, exempts from the requirements of CEQA prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as provided. This project has been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act by the US Bureau of Land Management:
 NEPA# DOI-BLM-CA-9000-2018-0002-EA
 Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment
 HAZARD REMOVAL AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT
 February 2019

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ross Perry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 776-9420

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 3/11/21 Title: Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____