

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: Big Wheels Mastication Project

Project Applicant: Big Wheels Ranch Association

Project Location - Specific:

T35N, R1E, Section 18, NW1/4

Project Location - City: Montgomery Creek Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This is a twenty acre fuel reduction project using hand clearing and a small masticator. The purpose is to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk. The beneficiaries are the landowners, the adjacent landowners, and the larger community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta RCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Evan Watson (530-949-1641)

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: Minor Alterations to Land (Sec.15303)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because only minor alterations to land will be made. No large and mature trees will be removed and only hand tools and light, rubber tracked equipment will be used. Any impact on the soil will be minor and incidental. Overall this project is a low impact method to effectively make a more fire resistant landscape.

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: _____