



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Hammond Ranch Area Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program (5GG18120)		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	The fuels reduction project is located within the Hammond Ranch Volunteer Fire Dept. Area near Weed, CA Legal Description: Portion of T41N, R5W, Sections 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, Mt. Diablo Meridian, Mt. Eddy and Weed Topographic quadrangle.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Siskiyou
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Siskiyou Unit (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is predominately residential with ingress/egress road systems and is characterized by a sparse to moderately dense stand of mixed conifer forest. The understory is composed of moderate to dense occurrences of brush species, conifer in growth and heavy to moderate accumulations of woody debris.

The project is designed to remove 240 acres of dense fuel to reduce the chance of wildfire and create a healthier forest, construct a shaded fuel break along Dogwood Ridge, remove vegetation adjacent to emergency evacuation roads, and create 100 ft. defensible space around residences and structures. Hand crews will be utilized to remove brush species, thin understory trees 8" DBH or less, remove snags which do not contain cavities, prune leave trees to a height of 6 to 8 feet and remove existing ground fuels between 2 and 5 inches in diameter. All the woody material generated by treatment activities will be chipped or ground. There will be no slash or hand pile burning for this project.

No mature, scenic, healthy trees will be removed during treatment activities.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: **Class 4** Pursuant to §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 within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, energy, 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 wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters, 1809 Fairlane Rd., Yreka, CA 96097

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