



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	"B" Faller Training and Fuels Reduction Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of; T30N, R7W, Section 1 MDBM T30N, R6W, Section 6MDBM	COUNTY	Shasta
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is 160 acres adjacent to Platina Rd., approximately 1.5 miles' northeast of Ono, CA in Shasta County. Elevations range from approximately 860' – 1,190'. Aspects are primarily south and east. Topography consists of slopes ranging from 5-40+%. All of the project area burned during the 2020 Zogg Fire. Vegetation within the project area is mostly dead (burned) gray pine (*Pinus sabiniana*), Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*), California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), manzanita (*Arctostaphylos spp.*), buckbrush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), and poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*).

This project will incorporate a CAL FIRE "B" Faller Training in the implementation of manual fuels reduction and prescribed fire treatments on approximately 160 acres that was burned during the 2020 Zogg Fire. A "B" faller is qualified to cut trees between 8" – 24" DBH, which will be the focus of the project. Only dead trees and brush will be cut during project implementation. Trees will be felled, bucked, and limbed with chainsaws. Limbs will be piled and burned and/or chipped back into the project area. Chipper will remain on road surfaces. Tree boles will be left on site. Trees with any green will not be considered for removal. Low-moderated intensity broadcast burning may be used as maintenance of the project area.

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 tree thinning and brush removal via hand crews and associated chipping and pile/broadcast 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, energy, 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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