

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: Scott River EFM Road Mill Creek Sediment Reduction Improvements (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SIS-13241_R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Mill and Kidder Creeks, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SIS-13241_R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council, represented by Mark Lancaster.

The project is limited to the improvement of existing stream/road crossings in the headwaters tributaries of Scott River, specifically Kidder and Mill Creeks. Due to the 2014 Log Fire and subsequent rain storms, flow and sediment exceeded the capacity of the existing stream/road crossings. These improvements are part of a sediment reduction program conducted by 5 Counties and using their Direct Inventory of Roads and Treatment (DIRT) program for Scott and Salmon Rivers. DIRT includes both recommended treatments and the best management practices for species and water quality protection. Exhibit A and B provide the locations and treatments to the specific locations covered under this Agreement. Any changes to the treatments will be coordinated and approved by CDFW prior to work being conducted.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is limited to operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features with negligible or no expansion. The existing stream/road crossing require repair after the recent fires. Therefore, the continued use of these facilities is consistent with a Class 1 exemption, and no unusual circumstances exist with regard to these facilities at this time.

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Joe Croteau
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