

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:** Judah Grossman

**Project Title:** Klamath National Forest Restoration

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location - Specific:** Butte Mountain, Roundy Valley, and Van Bremmer work sites within Klamath National Forest, Goosenest Ranger district, approximately 35 miles east of Yreka.

**Project Location – Nearby city:** Yreka

**Project Location - County:** Siskiyou

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project will enhance forest health, meadow function, and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning and reforestation activities on approximately 883 acres dispersed among three work sites: Butte Mountain, Roundy Valley, and Van Bremmer in Klamath National Forest. WCB Project ID: 2020134.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

**Exempt Status:** (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: 15301 Existing Facilities; 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: PRC Section 4799.05(d)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4799.05, subdivision (d), CEQA does not apply to 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 (NEPA), under specified circumstances. On February 7, 2020, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency certified that the exemption in Public Resources Code Section 4799.05 should remain in effect. NEPA review for the work to be conducted under the project has been completed through the Van Bremmer Project Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice prepared by Klamath National Forest and signed on February 3, 2010, the Round Valley Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Management Project Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (ROD) prepared by Klamath National Forest and signed on April 2, 2009, and the Butte Mountain Late Successional Reserve Habitat Restoration Project Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice prepared by Klamath National Forest and signed on February 26, 2014. The proposed activities are within the scope of ROD and Decision Memos. In addition, were CEQA applicable to the project, the activities comprising the project would constitute maintenance of Existing Facilities (Class 1), such as topographical features including wildlife habitat areas to protect wildlife resources, as well as Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4) and be Categorically Exempt from CEQA.

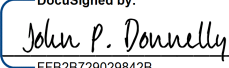
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**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Donnelly

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 445-0137

**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 (by this notice)  No

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 5/20/2021

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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

**Date received for Filing:**

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