

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** 1-21EM-00202-TRI "Evenson Emergency", and Streambed Alteration

Agreement #1600-2021-0062-R1 "Evenson"

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located in Trinity County, CA, at Township 2S, Range 7E, Section 16 HB&M, APN# 020-520-020. USGS Quadrangle map covering this location is Ruth Reservoir. The project is further located along Hetten Creek which is tributary to Ruth Lake and Mad River. CalWater ID for the project is Hetten Creek 1109.400302

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number **1600-2021-0062-R1**, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Darrell Evenson for the purposes of timber harvest under emergency timber harvest notification # 1-21EM-00202-TRI approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The project is limited to (9) encroachments total, of which planned work includes rocking of (4) dry fords, and replacement of (5) culverts at other crossings, along with maintenance of existing roads and facilities after the August Fire complex.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Darrell Evenson, landowner

**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301: Class 1 – 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; and Class 4 – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic, trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project meets the criteria for exemption because it consists of the use of existing facilities for water drafting and minor alteration to land to maintain and/or repair existing failed watercourse crossings and upgrading with new culverts involving minor alterations to condition of land, water, or vegetation.

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