



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Smartsville Goat Grazing and Temporary Fence Clearing		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, South of Smartsville Forest Fire Station	<b>COUNTY</b>	Yuba
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is a ¼ south west of the CAL FIRE NEU's Smartsville Station 40, located at 8839 Highway 20, Smartsville, CA 95977 and approximately ¾ miles south east of Smartsville. The project consists of grazing goats and installing temporary livestock fencing. Hand cutting and chipping of brush and trees less than 5" DBH will occur 8'-10' around parcel perimeter to allow contractor to install temporary livestock fencing. Surface soils will not be disturbed. All vegetation removed will be mulched on site by chipping or grazing. Work is proposed to occur when approved and personnel are available. Unit Environmental Scientist will monitor work through all stages of implementation.

### 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

This project fits under Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). After completing an environmental assessment, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. 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 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 the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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