

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Slinkard Burned and Condemned Structure Removal

Project Location (include county): This project is located at the Slinkard/ Little Antelope Wildlife Area, approximately 3 miles west of the community of Coleville, Mono County. The work will occur within the NW ¼ of Section 24 and the NE ¼ of Section 9, both in Township 8N, Range 22E, and the NW ¼ Section 29 Township 9N, Range 22E, U.S. Geological Survey Coleville Quadrangle map; approximate Geographic Coordinates: 38.52607, -119.51860; 38.55881, -119.56292; and 38.60161, -119.58924.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will remove two small condemned residential structures in poor condition and clean up burned debris associated with two additional structures that were consumed in the 2020 Slink Fire. The structures have been determined to contain hazardous materials including lead-based paint and asbestos containing materials. The structures and debris will be removed by a licensed contractor with hazardous substances removal and asbestos certifications. Hazardous debris and building materials will first be identified, placed in containers, and hauled to appropriate hazardous materials disposal facilities. The structures will then be demolished, and construction debris disposed of off-site. The building sites will be restored to natural grade and planted with locally appropriate native plant species. Removal of the unburned structures reduces the threat of wildfire, eliminates the danger the buildings currently pose to wildlife and the public, and eliminates the threat of release of documented hazardous materials. Removal of the burned structure debris eliminates the possibility of hazardous materials becoming mobilized in the environment, spreading off site, and impacting air and water quality. Vehicular access will utilize existing service roads located on the property. The combined project area is less than 1 acre in size.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. [Class 4 \(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15304\)](#), and [Class 30 \(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15330\)](#)

Reasons why Project is exempt: *Class 4, §15304*, Minor Alterations to Land - the project will result in minimal impacts to the condition of the land, water, and vegetation on an existing officially designated wildlife management area which will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources and will not result in removal of mature, healthy, scenic trees. *Class 30 §15330*, Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Substances – the project will both prevent and eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste.

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