

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: 2-21EM-00321-SHA, "Flat Rabbit Emergency", Streambed Alteration Agreement

#1600-2021-0098-R1, "Flat Rabbit Emergency".

Project Location (include county): The project is located Shasta County, CA along Campbell Creek and Middle Salt Creek drainages at Township 36N, Range 05W, Section 25 and Township 36N, Range 04W, Section 31 MDBM. CalWater ID for watersheds within the project area are: Campbell Creek 5506.200209, Lower Middle Salt Creek 5506.200201, Doney Creek 5506.200202. USGS 7.5" quadrangle maps covering the project location include Lamoine and Hanland Peak.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2021-0098-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Tom Harrington designated representative for Sierra Pacific Industries for the purposes of timber harvest under emergency timber harvest notification # 2-21EM-00321-SHA approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The project is limited to (12) encroachments, all of which consist of new permanent installation of CMP metal culvert pipes at each location crossing a Class III stream course to allow new road construction facilitating emergency timber harvest removal on privately owned commercial timberlands after a wildfire.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Tom Harrington, Representative for Sierra Pacific Industries, Managing Entity for the Landowner, Sierra Pacific Land and Timber Company

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 maintenance or use of existing facilities to maintain and/or repair existing failed watercourse crossings and upgrading with new culverts involving minor alterations to condition of land, water, or vegetation. This action is being undertaken to repair damage to lands and roads caused by catastrophic wildfire affecting the project area.

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