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Project Title: Souter Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-20570-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Mad River watershed, approximately 9 miles southeast of the town of Kneeland, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 5, T3N, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Inqua Buttes U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 314-213-019; latitude 40.669 N and longitude 123.863 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-HUM-20570-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Mitch Souter.

The project is limited to five (5) encroachments. Two encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to the Mad River. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The three other proposed encroachments are to remediate altered road/stream crossings and to remove waste and debris from within 50 feet of any stream. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, replacement of a culvert, removal of fill from a stream, removal of trash in and adjacent to a stream, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mitch Souter

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed encroachments will improve road/stream crossings and remove debris from streams. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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