
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: October 13, 2021

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Butte Fire Center Replacement — BUTTE COUNTY**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Butte Fire Center Replacement (Proposed Project). CAL FIRE has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The Project site is located at 6640 Steiffer Road in Magalia, Butte County. The 84.1-acre site is located adjacent to Paradise Lake; however, the Proposed Project involves work within the most heavily developed portions of the site. The Project site is bounded to the west and south by heavily forested land and to the north and east by Paradise Lake.

Project Description: The proposed Project entails the partial demolition and reconstruction of a California Conservation Corp (CCC)/CAL FIRE joint fire base and associated facilities and structures. New buildings include administration, Captain's barracks, CCC Corpsmember crew dorms, laundry building, multipurpose building, fueling station, auto shop, apparatus garages, training, warehouse, vehicle wash enclosure, hose wash racks, electrical building, and generator. Site work includes new asphalt and concrete paving and concrete flatwork, PV arrays on covered parking structures, new underground utilities, and aboveground fuel tanks.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, CAL FIRE acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area as reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting October 13, 2021 and ending November 12, 2021**. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:
<http://www.ecorpconsulting.com/docs/butte-fire-center>

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the Draft EIR may be addressed to Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner, and mailed to:

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