



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Glen Oaks Ranch Right of Way Clearing CALFIRE Fire Prevention Grant 5GG18108		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 6 West; Glen Ellen	COUNTY	Sonoma
PUBLIC AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The objective of this project is to manage vegetation along an existing fire road to reduce the density and ladder fuel components of the vegetation. Sonoma Land Trust plans approximately 6 acres of vegetation clearing utilizing a CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant at the Glen Oaks Ranch located approximately seven miles north of the community of Sonoma CA. Glen Oaks Ranch is a 234-acre property managed for conservation by the Sonoma Land Trust. The proposed treatment area spans approximately 0.50 mile with 150-foot total clearance along an existing ranch fire road along an existing ranch fire road. The treatment methods will include ladder fuel vegetation removal and slash treatment utilizing hand cutting, limbing and lop/scatter of cut vegetation. No mastication or prescribed burning is proposed for the project. Watercourses will be provided a buffer and no operations will occur within the buffer. No healthy, mature scenic trees are to be removed. Operations are designed to reduce the vegetation density and ladder fuel components of competing vegetation while retaining an overstory of hardwood.

EXEMPTION STATUS

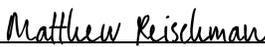
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4, §15304 Minor Alteration to Land
 Statutory Exemption (state code section):
 Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
 Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land as it will result in only minor alterations to the land and will not have a significant impact to the environment. The project is intended to remove ladder fuels and competing vegetation in order to reduce hazardous fuel conditions along and existing fire road located on Glen Oaks Ranch. The desired outcome is healthy forest stand that is more fire resilient than pre-project conditions.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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 or 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 or traffic, utilities and service systems or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit locate at 1199 Big Tree Road, Saint Helena CA 94574.

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 Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director Date
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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