



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	<i>Pinus attenuata</i> removal at Boggs Mt. SDF		
PROJECT LOCATION	Boggs Mt. State Demonstration Forest; T1 IN R8W Section 2	COUNTY	Lake
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Boggs Mt. SDF is what remains of a mixed conifer forest after a high severity wildfire burns nearly 99% of the property. It was replanted three years ago with the mix of tree species that existed before the fire, and is being revegetated by the resprouting hardwoods and invaded by knobcone Pine (*Pinus attenuata*). Part of the forest is in the 6th year of a long term, permanent study of factors affecting reforestation success and fuel dynamics post- high severity fire. Invasion by Knobcone pine is being accepted into part of the study design but it must be removed from the two treatments that examine replanting. Chainsaws, loppers and pruning shears will be used to remove the boles from the roots before viable seeds can be deposited in the soil for all knobcone in two research plots. Any material that is suspected of containing viable seeds will be deposited in forest garbage receptacles for disposal or taken to L.A. Moran for fertility analysis.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations 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 within the descriptions of a Class 4 Categorical Exemptions described in CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR §15304) pertaining to Minor Alterations to Land. This project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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, 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, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Headquarters – 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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