

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Barker Creek Roads Sediment Treatment

Project Applicant: The Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC)

Project Location: Private roads concentrated in the lower 10 miles of the Barker Creek watershed near Hayfork in Trinity County

Project Description: CDFW's Cannabis Restoration Grant Program awarded WRTC a grant (Agreement #Q2191201) for the Barker Creek Roads Sediment Treatment (Project). Barker Creek is a tributary to Hayfork Creek, which is a tributary to South Fork Trinity River. The Barker Creek watershed contains approximately 166,700 linear feet (32 miles) of roads, not including private driveways. 65% of the roads (20 miles) are owned by the U.S. Forest Service while 32% of the roads (10 miles) are privately owned. The private roads are concentrated in the lower portion of the watershed (project area centroid: 40.5761, -123.1123 (WGS 84 datum)). The purpose of the Project is to reduce or eliminate hydrologic connectivity of the Barker Valley Road systems to Barker Creek and halt the worsening road-sourced sediment pollution. Road-sourced sediment loading in Barker Creek has been an ecological issue for over 30 years. This Project is Phase 1: Planning and will conduct a road inventory, develop 100% engineered design drawings and specifications for construction of treatments, complete CEQA, apply for regulatory permitting, develop a monitoring plan, and engage Barker Valley landowners to set the foundation for road treatment implementation to reduce the negative road-sediment impacts to Barker Creek.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Cindy Blackburn, Director of Operations, The Watershed Research and Training Center

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code section 21102 (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15262)

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves the feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that the agency has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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