



Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Trinity County Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project - Phase 2, Lewiston Area (3100701)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Lewiston, Trinity County, California. T33N, R9W, portions of sections 13; 22-24; 26-27; 33-35. T33N R8W portions of sections 17-20 (Humboldt Base and Meridian).	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of hand thinning and roadside chipping on an approximately 240-acre footprint associated with this project along Lewiston Road, Rush Creek Road, and surrounding roads near the community of Lewiston in Trinity County, CA. This project is an integral part of the District's landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events and returning the landscape to a healthy, less hazardous state. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically implemented along roadsides and adjacent to habitable structures and critical infrastructure to protect the life and property of residents of Lewiston as well as to provide safe evacuation routes and ease of firefighter access and suppression efforts. The project area includes portions of many different private landowners within the WUI, and our objective is to treat approximately 10-100 acres over a 3-5 year period. Topography is mostly gentle (15%-45%) throughout much of the project area and elevations range from approximately 1800'-2200'.

The prescription includes hand thinning of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) conifers and shrubs that are adjacent to habitable structures, critical infrastructure, and/or roadways and driveways. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. Cut materials will be bucked and carried to the chipper whenever feasible and then chipped and broadcasted on site. Any remaining material that cannot be chipped will be lop-and-scattered on site.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section:
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): SB 901
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Senate Bill 901: It is a fuel reduction project intended to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire, located on federal land, and covered by completed NEPA documents. NEPA compliance is under the "Lewiston Community Protection Fuels Reduction" DNA filed by the Bureau of Land Management's Redding Field Office, DOI-BLM-CA-9000-2018-0002-EA.

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