

Notice of Exemption

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From:
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Crowley Gulch Tree Removal (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SHA-26728-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on an unnamed tributary (locally called Crowley Gulch) to Cottonwood Creek in Shasta County, accessed from the end of Cinabar Road in the community of Cottonwood; APN 087-280-022-000; Latitude/Longitude: 40.385413, -122.288302.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SHA-26728-R1), pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to J.F. Shea, represented by Juan Bernardino.

The project is limited to removal of five mature riparian trees on the west bank of Crowley Gulch that are leaning and threatening to fall on an adjacent occupied structure located on APN 087-310-057-000. The trees include three cottonwoods which are 48-inches diameter at breast height (DBH), 14-inches DBH, and 6-inches DBH and two oaks, a 12-inch DBH live oak and a 10-inch white oak. The riparian area will be accessed from the end of Cinabar Road, with a boom truck and crane positioned on the pavement. A skid steer or other comparable small equipment will drive within the riparian area, accessed off Cinabar Road, to pick up and remove the cut branches and limbs. Some blackberries within this reach may be driven over or removed to accommodate this equipment access.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: J.F. Shea, represented by Juan Bernardino.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: The trees, while mature, are no longer in prime, healthy condition and are leaning and threatening to fall on an adjacent home. The scenic nature of the riparian area will not be substantially changed, as other trees in the vicinity will remain intact. The nature of the streambank will not be substantially changed through the removal of these trees.

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