

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Deadwood Road Sediment Reduction Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-21434-R11).

Project Location (include county): The project is located at several locations on Deadwood Road, tributary to the Trinity River, in the County of Trinity and near the community of Lewiston. Deadwood Road is accessed from Trinity Dam Boulevard.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TRI-21434-R11, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Trinity County Department of Transportation, represented by David Colbeck.

The project consists of culvert replacement activities at five discrete locations on the County maintained road network within the Deadwood Creek watershed, all of which were severely impacted by the Carr Fire in 2018 and the subsequent winter storms. Debris and bedload mobilized and resulted in culvert plugging, diversion down the road, and fill failure at nearly all locations. All sites will upgrade undersized culverts with culverts sized to the appropriate 100-year flow, installed at grade along with construction of critical dips. Rock slope protection will be installed at necessary locations for channel and bank stabilization.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Trinity County Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, including negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333**, Projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that there will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat, (b) there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and (c) the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects. Culvert replacement conducted in accordance with published guidelines of the Department of Fish and Wildlife or NOAA Fisheries, the primary purpose of which is to improve habitat or reduce sedimentation.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is restoring existing public structures that were damaged as a result of the Carr Fire and aims to reduce sediment input to Deadwood Creek by restoring failed crossings, upgrading undersized culverts, and storm-proofing stream crossings.

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