



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Trinity Community Protection & Landscape Resilience Phase 2 Grant: August Complex Restoration (USDA Forest Service)		
PROJECT LOCATION	T2S R7E Sections 35 & 36; T3S R7E Sections 1,2 &12; T3S R8E Sections 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 29, 32 & 33; Humboldt Base and Meridian and T27N R12W Sections 17-20, 29-31, Mt. Diablo Meridian	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to The Watershed Research & Training Center to conduct site prep for future planting and biomass removal and utilization. Pre-planting site prep work includes hand thinning, mastication, lop and scatter, hand piling, pile burning, and biomass removal of competing vegetation (mostly brush and dead standing trees). These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA through the NEPA Three Forks Fire Salvage Project Decision Memo signed in April 2021.

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