

# Notice of Exemption

## Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Post Office Box 1450 · 30 Horseshoe Lane · Weaverville, CA 96093-1450

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	McAlexander Road Mastication Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Hayfork, Trinity County, California. S1/2 S1/2 SE1/4 Section 9, T31N, R12W MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Trinity
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	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 mastication on a 14-acre treatment area near a neighborhood on the west side of Hayfork, California. 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 Hayfork as well as to provide safe evacuation routes and ease of firefighter access and suppression efforts. The project area includes private property within the WUI, and our objective is to treat 10-100 acres over a 3-5 year period. Topography is mostly flat to gently sloped, with a small portion approaching throughout much of the project area and elevations range from approximately 2800'-3200'.

The prescription includes mastication of brush, small trees (less than 12" DBH), snags, and surface fuels. Emphasis will be placed on disrupting the continuity of surface and ladder fuels.

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### EXEMPTION STATUS

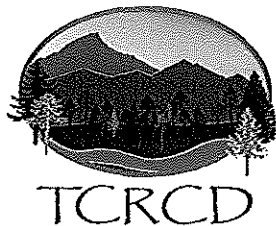
- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304  
Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
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### 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 Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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