

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Northern Region  
 601 Locust Street  
 Redding, CA 96001

**Street Address:**

1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** Boulder Creek Road Repair (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-28614-R1I)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at Boulder Creek, a tributary to Coffee Creek, in the County of Trinity, State of California; 41.099740, -122.785030; Forest Service Road 37N19Y; Assessor's Parcel Number 004-380-007-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TRI-28614-R1I, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Coffee Creek Ranch, as represented by Ruth Hartman.

The project is limited to reconstruction of the northern road approach to the bridge over Boulder Creek on Forest Service Road 37N19Y, which includes removal of debris (burnt trees, root wads, and excess boulders) that came down the channel and around the bridge after the forest fires in 2021 and re-establishing full conveyance under the existing bridge by putting the stream into its original flow path and rebuilding the bank upstream of the bridge. Water is currently going around the outside bridge abutment and has washed out the approach on the northern side. Work will include using heavy equipment upstream of the bridge to re-establish the bank and a small levee and directing current flows back into the primary channel. Once all of the flow is directed under the bridge, debris removal on the approach and road reconstruction will commence.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Coffee Creek Ranch, represented by Ruth Hartman

**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, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is limited to repairing an existing road approach and re-aligning topographical features associated with a stream channel in order to restore full conveyance under the existing bridge. The project will have no significant impacts on the environment.

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