



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	CFTC Fuel Reduction		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	4501 State Highway 104, Ione, CA 95640	<b>COUNTY</b>	Amador
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CAL FIRE Training Center in Ione, CA operates on over 500 acres of land, much of which is undeveloped oak woodland with uninhabited structures scattered throughout for training purposes. CAL FIRE is planning a variety of vegetation removal activities for fire safety and training purposes, including: thinning of brush and small trees, up to 10 acres per year; pile burning to dispose of thinned brush and small trees; broadcast burning of grassland, up to 50 acres per year; cutting fireline using hand tools for training purposes; operating fire engines off-road through grasslands to create wet lines and control fires during broadcast burning; and a combination of mechanical weedeating and herbicide use adjacent to structures to maintain defensible space.

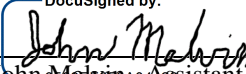
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- 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))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits the description for a Class 4, §15304: Minor Alterations to Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of thinning of brush and small trees for fire safety and woodland health, pile burning of thinned vegetation, broadcast burning in grass, cutting fireline with hand tools, operating fire engines for mobile attack, and maintenance of defensible space using mechanical and herbicide treatments around structures. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. CAL FIRE staff has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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, utilities and service systems or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE Training Center.

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