



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	California Forest Shared Stewardship Support Program Grant: Concow Resilience Project (USFS)		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Treatment locations centered at approximately 39°48'19.15"N and 121°28'35.37"W	<b>COUNTY</b>	Butte
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the USDA Forest Service in coordination with Butte County Resource Conservation District to conduct site prep utilizing manual and chemical methods (hand fell, pile, herbicide, grubbing, masticate or chip where feasible) and planting. Maintenance for this stand will be through fire, manual, mechanical, and chemical release methods for up to ten years post planting, or longer if monitoring shows a need. The acres outside of the founder stands will be treated to restore oak-woodland characteristics. This prescription will include hand thinning with lop and scatter, some hazard tree falling, and herbicide application. 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. CAL FIRE would provide funding for fuels reduction treatments, brush removal and thinning, and associated low-density pine planting within the 859-acre project area of federal land managed by the Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA in the Concow Resilience Project Decision Memorandum signed in September 2020.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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