

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Region 1 - Northern
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Kidder Creek Emergency

Project Location (include county): Project is located in Siskiyou County California along the Kidder Creek access road thru public and private timberlands within Sections 3, 7, 8, 9, Township 42 North, Range 10 West, MDBM. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographical quadrangle map "Greenview/boulder Peak" covers the project area. CalWater I.D. lists the following watersheds within the project area; 1105.420701 (Babs & Fork Kidder Creek) and 1105.420707 (Upper Kidder Creek).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number **EPIMS-SIS-29640-R1**, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Darin Stringer for the purposes of improvement of erosion control points in association with Emergency timber harvest notification # 2-22EM-00046-SIS-R1 approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The project is limited to (13) encroachment points (projects) along Kidder Creek, a Class I watercourse within an Anadromous Fisheries Protection (ASP) zone. Work will upgrade these specified erosion control points and replace failing culvert structures along the Kidder Creek road system that may be contributing to sediment delivery into this water course due to current dilapidated state.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. John McDonagh, private landowner

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301: Class 1 – 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; and Class 4 – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic, trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project meets the criteria for exemption because it consists of minor alteration to lands to maintain and/or repair existing failed watercourse crossings and/or upgrading with new culverts involving minor alterations to condition of land, water, or vegetation.

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