

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: McDonagh – Wolf Creek Timber Operations Wolf Creek Crossing

Project Location (include county): Siskiyou County in the state of California on Wolf Creek, a tributary to Boulder Creek a Class I stream course located at Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 08 West, MDBM. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map 7.5” series covering the project area is “Callahan”. CalWater I.D. is 1105.420303 (Lower Scott River), and 1105.420302 (Fox Creek).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement # EPIMS-SIS-28947-R1, “McDonagh – Wolf Creek” pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Mr. John McDonagh. This agreement has been issued in conjunction with Emergency timber harvest notification # 2-22EM-00083-SIS-R1 previously approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The project is limited to (7) encroachments total, of which, the agreement covers (6) temporary stream crossings, and (1) rocked ford crossing of a dry Class III stream course. The Emergency work will allow access to burned timber on private timberlands where existing road crossing infrastructure was badly damaged by wildfire in 2021.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: John McDonagh – Private landowner

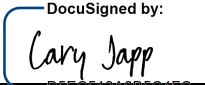
Exempt Status:

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 the use of existing facilities and minor alteration to land to maintain and/or repair existing failed watercourse crossings and upgrading involving minor alterations to condition of land, water, or vegetation.

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