

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Better Place Forests Footbridge and Culvert Replacement (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-16174-R1C)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to Moat Creek, in the County of Mendocino, State of California; latitude 38.904547 N and longitude -123.637419 W; approximately 3 miles South of Point Arena, CA.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-16174-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Mendocino County Department of Transportation.

The proposed project involves establishing a trail system through the remediation of an existing logging road along the unnamed tributary of Moat creek and is limited to three encroachments. One encroachment is for the installation of a footbridge spanning the unnamed stream. A second proposed encroachment is to upgrade a failing and undersized culvert. The third encroachment is to stabilize the bank along the proposed trail. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Better Place Forests Co.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Class 2 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the repair and restoration of an existing gravel/dirt logging road which will be converted into a pedestrian trail where it will have negligible expansion and the capacity will be reduced to only pedestrian traffic.

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