

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Bieber Helipad		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	510 Bridge Street, Bieber, CA 96009	<b>COUNTY</b>	Lassen
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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The proposed project involves upgrading the Lassen Modoc Unit (LMU) Bieber Helipad. The project area is on previously disturbed ground on an active helitack base that is relatively flat and approximately 0.23 acres in size. Construction activities will include importing of base rock, grading an area approximately 100' x 100', trenching for helipad utilities, installation of signage, forming and pouring a concrete helipad 75' x 75' and installation of landing lights. Base material will be aggregate base rock suitable for required compaction with a wheeled roller. Subsurface utilities trenching will be 12" to 24" in depth. The project is expected to take approximately 45 days to complete.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 3, Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- 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 meets Class 3 - §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Categorical Exemption criteria for CEQA analysis. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures is described as "construction and location of limited number of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure." Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply, which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Lassen-Modoc-Plumas Unit Headquarters located in Susanville, California.

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