

Notice of Exemption

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From:
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Thamer Bridge RR Flat Car Bridge...#2 - Boulder Creek

Project Location (include county): Boulder Creek, tributary to South Fork Scott River (Class I) in Siskiyou County, state of California. Property parcel APN is 031-100-120-000, location is Township 40 North, Range 09 West, Section 36 MDBM. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map 7.5" covering the area is "Callahan". CalWater I.D. for the project area 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 number EPIMS-SIS-32872-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Donald Erickson in conjunction with Emergency timber harvest notification # 2-22EM-00166-SIS-R1 previously approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The project is limited to (1) encroachment total which authorizes placement and removal of a temporary steel bridge across Boulder Creek to facilitate access to fire damaged timber stands and repair damaged roads on private timberlands from wildfires that occurred in 2021. The bridge is currently in place and being used by adjacent landowner Mr. John McDonagh under existing LSA permit # EPIMS-SIS-29254-R1. Mr. Erickson will take over responsibility for maintenance and removal of this bridge at the end of his timber harvest operations in Fall 2022 per written agreement between the two parties.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Donald Erickson, 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 facilities, repair watercourse crossings and/or upgrading of roads with minor alterations to condition of land, water, or vegetation.

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