

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Ruth-Zenia Road Post-Fire Damage Culvert Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TRI-32964-R1)

Project Location (Trinity): The project is located at six locations along Ruth-Zenia Road in southern Trinity County, between mile post 7.59-18.11, north of the community of Zenia and west of the community of Ruth.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- TRI-32964-R1 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Trinity County Department of Transportation, represented by Justyna Marszalek.

The project will replace six discrete culverted stream crossings, including down-drains, that were damaged by the August Complex in 2020. By restoring the crossings and upgrading undersized culverts, sediment transport entering streams will be minimized, flow will be restored, and public road services will be maintained.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Trinity County Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302**

Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is limited to repairing and replacing culverts which were damaged during a forest fire. The project will not result in significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15065.

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