

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Red Hill Road Post-Fire Damage Culvert Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TRI-33477-R11)

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located at McKinney Gulch, tributary to Trinity River, in the community of Junction City; 40.728635, -123.063225, Mile Marker 0.04 on Red Hill Road.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- TRI-33477-R11 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Trinity County Department of Transportation, represented by Justyna Marszalek.

The project is limited to culvert replacement at Mile Marker 0.04 along Red Hill Road that was damaged during the Monument Fire in 2021. The existing 36-inch HDPE corrugated plastic culvert sustained burning at the inlet and outlet. This resulted in the rocked headwall collapsing into the stream channel and the pipe itself melting. The entire 60-foot long culvert will be replaced with a 36-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP). Water will be required to be diverted around the worksite, so a temporary dam utilizing plastic sheeting and sandbags will be constructed 20 feet above the culvert inlet.

**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 replacing a stream crossing that was 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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