

Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Pettijohn Collaborative Fuels Reduction		
PROJECT LOCATION	Trinity County, California. T34N R8W all or portions of sections 4-10, 15-22, and 28-33 T33N R8W all or portions of sections 4-8, 17, and 18 T34N R9W all or portions of sections 1-4, 9-16, 21-26, 35, and 36	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) and their subcontractors plan to implement fuels reduction and forest resilience treatments in the Pettijohn area in Trinity County, CA. This project is an integral part of the District's landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events, returning the county's forests to a healthy condition, and reintroducing good fire to the landscape. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically implemented in overstocked stands in or near the WUI, especially along strategic features such as roads and ridges. The project will be implemented on land managed by the United States Forest Service and includes treatments on approximately 1,700 acres over 3-5 years.

The prescription includes hand thinning, chipping, mastication, and mechanical fuelwood removal of small diameter conifers and shrubs. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels along ridges and roadways. The prescription also includes burning of piles and concentration/jackpot burning where necessary.


EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section:
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): *PRC Section §4799.05(d)(1).*
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Senate Bill 901: It is a fuel reduction project intended to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire, located on federal land, and covered by completed NEPA documents. NEPA compliance is under the "Pettijohn Late-successional Reserve Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project" Record of Decision prepared by Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING


Kelly Sheen
District Manager


Date