



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Clear Lake Environmental Research Center Forest Health Grant: Lake County Fire Resilience Phase I – Mendocino National Forest		
PROJECT LOCATION	Mendocino National Forest, Upper Lake Ranger District: Township 14N, Range 8W, Sections 2, 3, 4, 10, 11; Township 15N, Range 8W, Sections 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35; Township 15N, Range 9W, Section 24, Mount Diablo Base Meridian.	COUNTY	Lake
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center to conduct fuel reduction treatments, including thinning & piling, mastication, lop and scatter and biomass removal as well as prescribed burns on USFS lands. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code 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

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under two NEPA documents: 1) Lakeview Hazardous Fuels Reduction Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact signed on 9/10/12; and 2) High Valley Mechanical Thinning/Fuels Reduction Project Decision Memo signed on 10/27/04.

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