



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mid-Klamath Watershed Council Grants: Six Rivers National Forest Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Projects		
PROJECT LOCATION	Six Rivers National Forest, Lower Trinity/Orleans/Ukonom Ranger Districts: T4N.R5E Section 3; T6N.R5E Sections 15 & 33; T.6E R.14N Sections 34-35; T.6E R.13N Sections 4, 5, 20, 21, 27, 28, 32, 33; T.6E R.12N Sections 4, 9, 10; T9N. R5E Sections 2-3, 10-11, 15; T.10 N., R.5 E., Sections 1, 2, 12-13, 17, 23-25, 27-28, 30, 33-35; T. 10N., R.6 E., Sections 4 - 9, 16 - 17, 19, 30; T.11 N., R.5 E., Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36; T.11 N., R.6 E., Sections 4 - 9, 16 - 21, and 28 - 33; T11N. R4E, Sections 18 & 19; T12N, R6E, Sections 2-4, 9-11, 14-16, 19-21, 27, 29-34; T13N. R6E, Sections 3-5, 8-9, 17, 20-22, 27-29, and 32-33; T14N. R6E Sections 34-35; Humboldt Base and Meridian.	COUNTY	Humboldt & Siskiyou
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council to conduct fuel reduction treatments, including hand cut/ hand pile, mechanical thinning & piling, and invasive plant removal, as well as Cultural and prescribed burns, which include understory burn prep, pile & understory burning 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 four NEPA documents: 1) Orleans Community Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (R5-MB-160) and Record of Decision signed on 8/15/2008; 2) Roots and Shoots (Traditional Cultural) Project Decision Memo signed on 9/11/15; 3) Leary Creek Project Decision Memo signed on 7/02/19; and 4) Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project Environmental Assessment (R5-MB-312) and Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact dated April 2018.

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