

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): County of Del Norte
981 H Street, Suite 110
Crescent City, CA 95531

County Clerk
County of: Del Norte
981 H Street, Suite 160
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(Address)

Project Title: Rock Creek Wildfire Resilience Project

Project Applicant: Smith River Alliance

Project Location - Specific:

Rock Creek Community at various locations along South Fork Road

Project Location - City: Vicinity of Crescent City Project Location - County: Del Norte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project area 1 will create shaded fuel breaks up to 500 ft.-wide, by thinning overstocked brush, small trees, and limbing ladder fuels. Residual trees will be pruned to a height of 8 - 10 feet, but not more than 50% of the crown may be removed. All mature trees will be retained. Trees greater than 10" DBH will not be removed unless they are a hazard to the road or personnel. The project area will be fully stocked upon completion of the project. Activities include vegetation thinning, chipping near roads and homes, and pile burning in locations not accessible to chipping. Project area 2 includes a similar scope of work to project area 1, including defensible space treatments that are 30-300' from homes, structures, roads and driveways. All materials will be chipped.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Del Norte County per 14 CCR §15051

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Smith River Alliance

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4 §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Class 4 Categorical Exemption allows for minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The project is located 100' away from watercourses, will require minimal to no ground disturbance, and thinning of vegetation as necessary to reduce the fire risk to the surrounding community. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed as a stand-alone project or in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. Local tribes have been consulted and will require a cultural monitor for area 2. The applicant shall obtain an Encroachment Permit from the Del Norte County Engineering and Surveying Division for any work in County rights-of-way.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jacob Sedgley, Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 464-7254

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/10/22 Title: Planner, Community Development Department

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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ALISSIA D. NORTHRUP
CLERK/RECORDER
DEL NORTE COUNTY

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**Legend**

- Rock Creek Area 1
- Rock Creek Area 2
- Rock Creek Area 3
- USFS Public Land







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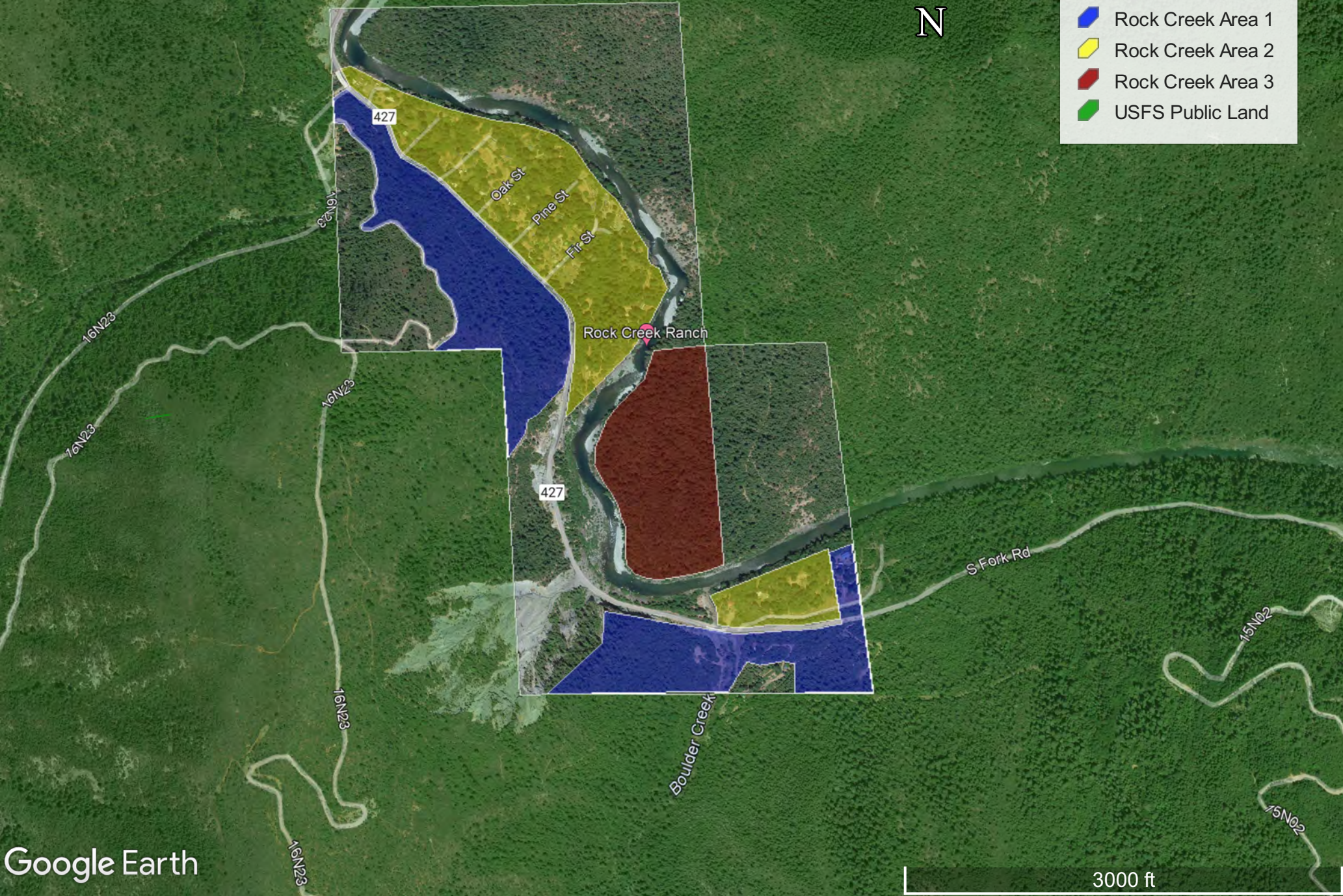
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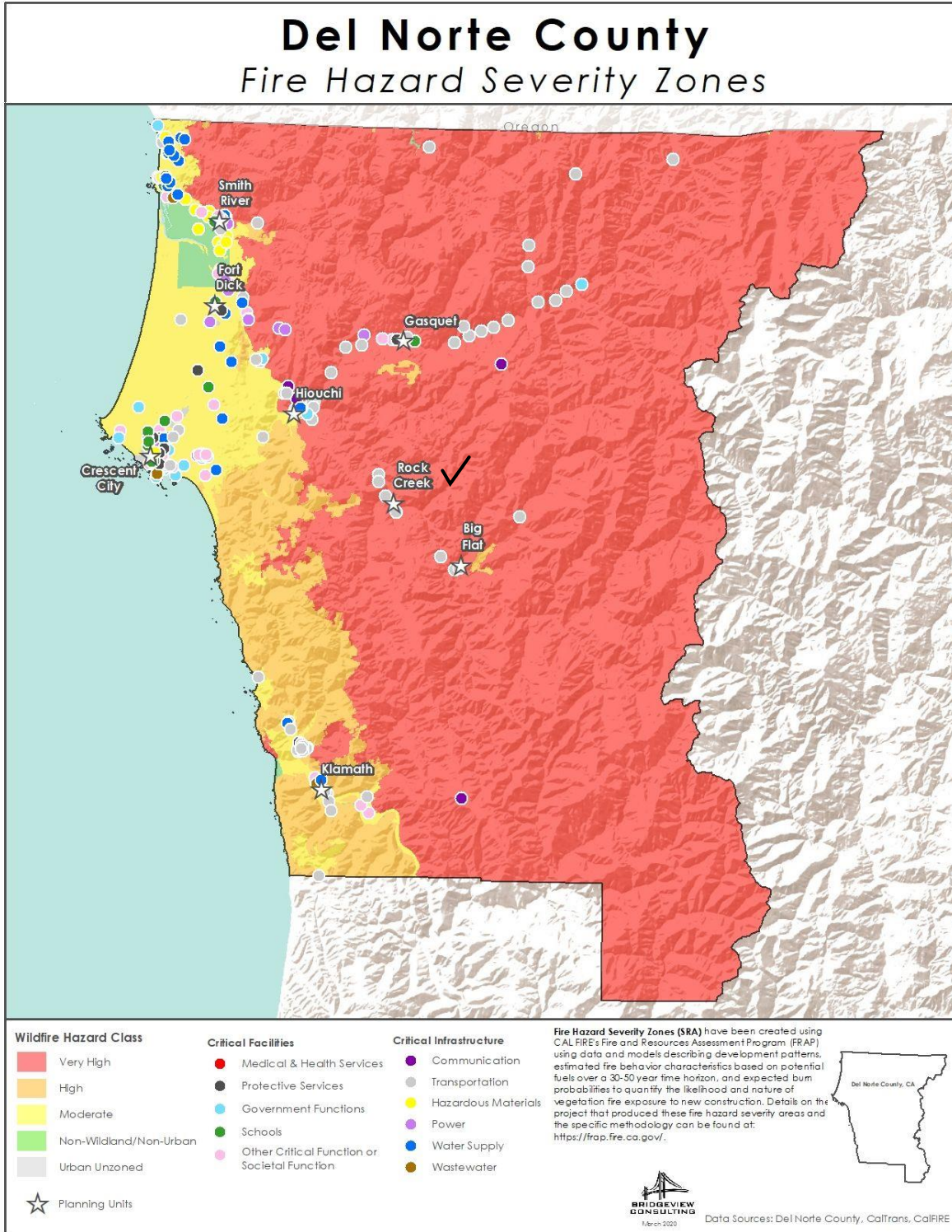


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# Attachment 1: Rock Creek WUI Location Map



**Figure 3-1 Rock Creek Big Flat Planning Unit and Critical Facilities and Infrastructure**