

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Northern Region
601 Locust Street
Redding, California 96001



Project Title: Castle Crags Stream Restoration (Project) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SIS-45925-R1)

Project Location (Shasta and Siskiyou Counties): The Project is located at North Fork Castle Creek, tributary to Castle Creek in the Counties of Shasta and Siskiyou, State of California; Section 1 & 3 Township 38N, Range 05W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Seven Lakes Basin, Mount Diabolo base and meridian; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 014-280-001-000, 030-150-070-000 and 030-150-090-000.; Latitude 41.182594, Longitude -122.386881

Project Description: On September 25, 2024, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-SIS-45925-R1 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for the Project to the Trust for Public Land (TPL), which will be carried out by James Fitzgerald. The Project involves the restoration and decommissioning of 23 stream crossings on 5 unpaved roads. The TPL has purchased former industrial timberland and will be implementing the project to address impacts from legacy logging activities in the area. The decommissioning of roads will consist of excavation of stream crossings, stabilization of unstable slopes and fill, and road surface treatments to disperse surface runoff. Restoration of meadow and spring complex function will consist of removal of fill, ripping of road segments to restore hydrologic connectivity and restoring original geomorphology of the site.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: James Fitzgerald

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has determined that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW's determination is supported by (1) Wild Life Conservation Board October 11, 2022, initial determination as lead agency that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director's November 7, 2022, concurrence with that Wild Life Conservation Board determination, which is available at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences.

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