

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: R Ranch Waterway Operations and Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-SIS-31446-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Cottonwood Creek, Ditch Creek, Rancheria Creek and Klamath River, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SIS-31446-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to R Ranch Property Owners Association, represented by Heath Kauffman.

The project is limited to activities associated with on-going maintenance and operation of five points of diversion of existing water rights, maintenance of existing boat ramp and continuing waterway vegetation removal along Klamath River and Cottonwood Creek at their campground sites.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: R Ranch Property Owners Association

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.

Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agriculture purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is limited to the (1) operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features with negligible or no expansion; and (2) minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation. The diversion facilities are currently in good working order. Therefore, the continued use of these facilities is consistent with a Class 1 exemption, and no unusual circumstances exist with regard to this facility at this time. In addition, alterations will be minor and will not impact healthy mature trees.

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