

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	National Forest Foundation, "Landscape Scale Management to Combat Gold Spotted Oak Borer in Southern California" Angeles National Forest		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Angeles National Forest: Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District Lake Hughes: T 6N, R 15W NE ¼ Sec. 12; T6N, R 14W NE¼ Sec7; T6N, R 14W SE¼ Sec6; T 6N, R 14W SW¼ Sec 5; T6N, R 14W NW¼ Sec 8 Green Valley: T 6N, R 15W NE¼ Sec 12; T 6N, R 14W SE¼ Sec 7; T 6N, R 14W SE and SW; T 6N, R 14W SE and SW½ Sec 8; T6N, R 14W NW and SE½ Sec 18; T 6N, R 14W NW and SW½ Sec 17; T 6N, R 14W NE¼ Sec 20	<b>COUNTY</b>	Los Angeles
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the National Forest Foundation to treat infestations and conduct removal of diseased/infested trees to reduce tree mortality of high-value oaks from the invasive goldspotted oak borer (*Agilus auroguttatus*) (GSOB) and suppress infestation from further spread to adjacent oak woodlands on National Forest 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, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, 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) Gold Spotted Oak Borer Carbaryl Treatment Project Decision Memo signed on 02/22/19; and 2) Gold Spotted Oak Borer Tree Removal Decision Memo signed on 3/16/17.

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