

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:**

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Region 1 - Northern  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** Trinity River Partial Wing Dam Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-TRI-33711-R11)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at Trinity River above Trinity River Dam, in Trinity County, State of California; Latitude 41.137689, Longitude -122.69466; 1450 Eagle Creek Loop, Trinity Center, CA 96091; Assessor's Parcel Number 004-390-022-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-TRI-33711-R11, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ripple Creek Cabins, as represented by Meghan Carin Coleman.

The project is limited to the annual reconstruction of a seasonal partial wing dam within Trinity River for the purpose of maintaining a summer swimming hole for Ripple Creek Cabins. The partial wing dam spans approximately 35 linear feet and is approximately 4 feet in depth after construction. A backhoe is used to move large rocks, as needed.

Each year in the summer months, local river rock is assembled to construct the partial wing dam. No materials are introduced to or removed from the channel of Trinity River, nor is the channel nor its stream flows ever blocked. Roughly two-thirds of the channel's width remains opens, allowing flows to bypass the dam and fish to pass. High flows from precipitation in fall and/or winter topple the rock dam annually and disperse the rock to a more natural gradient.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Meghan Carin Coleman

**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 (c)**, Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project involves the seasonal reconstruction of an existing private structure within the same general footprint as the structure replaced. There will be no change to the structure's purpose and no or negligible change to its capacity.

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