



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Kneeland Helipad Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	9685 Mountain View Road, Kneeland, CA 95549	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site is located on the existing operational Kneeland Helitack Base. The proposed project will consist of demolition of an existing helipad to construct a new larger helipad (75 ft by 75 ft) and installation of lighting. Soil will be displaced to a depth of 18 inches during construction of the foundation for the helipad. The new cement pad will be approximately eight inches thick. Lighting for night operations will be installed requiring minor trenching. No more than one acre will be disturbed during the construction of the helipad. Existing roads will be used and maintained whenever possible. The activities proposed will be located in the existing helipad footprint. No trees will be removed, and no watercourses are affected by this project.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 §15301 Existing facilities
§15304 (f) Minor alterations to land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the descriptions of a Class 1 & 4 Categorical Exemptions described in CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Existing Facilities, minor construction and Minor Alterations to Land. This project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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