

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Scott Hinds Staircase (Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-32023-R2)

Project Location: The project is located on the Hamilton Branch at Lake Almanor, in the County of Plumas, State of California; Latitude 40.267508, Longitude -121.089559 (Decimal Degree). APN: 106-010-001-000. The project is located at 7541 Highway 147, Lake Almanor, CA, 96137.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-32023-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Scott Hinds.

The project is limited to the new installation of six concrete piers and a 4-foot by 40-foot aluminum staircase with an upper 5-foot by 5-foot concrete pad. The project will be completed exclusively with manual labor, no heavy equipment will be used. A prefabricated stairway and other materials will be brought to the project location via boat. After construction of the pad and piers, the stairway will be winched into place. All construction will occur when the water level is low, and the project site is dry. Rip rap will be placed under the staircase along the existing eroded bank to prevent further erosion. No trees or vegetation will be removed during project activities.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Scott Hinds

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 because the project is a minor alteration to the Hamilton Branch and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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