



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Mid-Klamath Watershed Council Forest Health Grants: Klamath National Forest Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Projects		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Klamath National Forest, Happy Camp & Oak Knoll Ranger Districts: Township (T) 14 North (N), Range (R) 6 East (E), sections 8, 9, and 12; T15N R7E sections 7, 12, 18, 19 and 30; T15N R8E sections 19, 24 and 29; T16N R7E sections 2, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 21; T16N R8E sections 6, 7, 12, 13 and 18; T17N R7E sections 7 & 26; T. 17N R8E section 17 (Humboldt Meridian); T18N R7E section 30 (Mt. Diablo Meridian).	<b>COUNTY</b>	Siskiyou
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council to conduct fuel reduction treatments, including manual thinning of vegetation, followed by chipping or hand piling and burning on private properties adjacent to USFS 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 the NEPA Happy Camp Area Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Fire Safety Project Decision Memo signed on 9/16/22.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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