

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit (0223-NLT-0044) for the United States Forest Service's Highway 89 Safety Enhancement and Forest Restoration Project

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The United States Forest Service is planning to reduce forest fuels on a portion of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Siskiyou County as part of the Highway 89 Safety Enhancement and Forest Restoration Project. Work would occur within Caltrans' right-of-way along state route 89 from post mile 28.141 to 30.257 and would include removing understory brush and small trees along a corridor that is approximately 300 feet to 400 feet wide along both sides of Highway 89 to reduce wildfire hazard. This would be accomplished by masticating brush and thinning and masticating small conifer trees. The finished product will be an environment where surface and ladder fuel conditions are such that crown fire ignition is unlikely with fairly open stands dominated by large, fire tolerant trees and the majority of understory brush removed. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0223-NLT-0044) for work occurring within Caltrans' right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

### Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

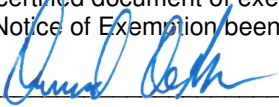
Caltrans determined that the work within the right-of-way is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Class 4 (i) – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions. Work within Caltrans' right-of-way would not have a significant effect on the environment.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

### If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_