



Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Trinity County Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project - Phase 2, Little Browns Area (3100701)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Weaverville, Trinity County, California. T33N, R9W, portions of sections 15, 16, 21, 29, 31, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian).	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of hand thinning, hand piling, roadside chipping, mastication, pile burning, and broadcast burning on approximately 245 acres associated with this project along the Browns Mountain ridgetop near the communities of Weaverville and Lewiston in Trinity County, CA. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically implemented along roadsides and ridgetops and adjacent to habitable structures and critical infrastructure to protect the life and property of residents as well as to provide safe evacuation routes and ease of firefighter access and suppression efforts. The project area includes portions of many different private landowners within the WUI, as well as private timberlands. Topography is moderate to steep (20%-70%) throughout much of the project area and elevations range from approximately 2200'-3600'.

Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. Prescription will include a combination of the fuels reduction techniques listed above as appropriate based on current conditions, slopes, and access constraints.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 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

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/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/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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