

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** Slinkard Creek Fish Barrier Improvement Project (Request No. 1652-2023-055-001-R6)

**Project Applicant:** Bureau of Land Management.

**Project Location:** The Project is located on Slinkard Creek adjacent to State Route (SR) 89 in Mono County, 0.25 miles west of the intersection of SR 89 and U.S. Route 395. The Project is located at the western edge of the Antelope Valley within the Coleville Management Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office. The coordinates of the Project are approximately Latitude 38.641581, and Longitude -119.532307. The structure to be reconstructed is accessible by a 300-foot long and ten-foot-wide dirt road that connects from SR 89 to south of the structure and runs parallel between Slinkard Creek and the highway.

**Project Description:** Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has approved the Lower Slinkard Creek Fish Barrier Improvement Project (Project). The Project proposes to reinforce and enhance an existing fish barrier on Slinkard Creek that to: 1) stabilize the site of the current weir to prevent future weir failures and Slinkard Creek bank erosion, and 2) widen the existing weir by three feet to prevent upstream migration of non-native fish.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Trout Unlimited

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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