

## Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Shasta

1643 Market St

Redding, CA 96001

From: (Public Agency): Western Shasta RCD

6270 Parallel Road

Anderson, CA 96007

(Address)

Project Title: I-5 Corridor Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

13 air miles northwest of Redding, CA. See attached map.

Project Location - City: Lakehead/Unincorporated Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest (STNF) is proposing to treat vegetation on approximately 20,025 acres along the Interstate Highway 5 corridor and the northwest portions of lands adjacent to Shasta Lake. The need for the I-5 Corridor Fuels Reduction Project is to reduce the risk to life, property, and resource values from a high severity wildfire, uncharacteristic of the historic fire regime, and to improve fire suppression abilities and firefighter safety. The purpose of the project is to help restore fire to its natural role in the ecosystem and to create areas on the landscape where the vegetation is consistent with the historic fire regime.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ross Perry, Project Manager

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: AB-267 Exemption: prescribed fire, thinning, and fuel reduction projects.

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project has been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by The US Forest Service-Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Shasta Lake Ranger District in the I-5 Corridor Fuels Reduction Environmental Assessment, finalized in November 2022. Per AB-267, fuel reductions projects on federal lands that have been completed NEPA review are exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ross Perry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 776-9420

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: 04/26/2023 Title: Project Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_