



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Lazy L Summit		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Lazy L Summit Road, Coarsegold, CA 93614 Sec. 28, 29, 33 T07S R21E	<b>COUNTY</b>	Madera
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is proposing a linear Shaded Fuel Break, 400 feet wide, 200 feet from center line, approximately 1.4 miles long, 71 acres, with three private property owners. Located in Madera County, on the Ahwahnee CA USGS 7.5' Quadrangle Map. Legal Description is Sec. 28, 29, 33 T07S R21E MDB&M. This project is located approximately 2 miles north of Coarsegold, CA 93614, off Lazy L Summit Road. Located in the Southern Sierra foothills, in a predominantly oak woodland habitat with dense trees, shrubs, and some understory herbaceous species. Fuel reductions from this project will benefit the surrounding communities by reducing wildfire risk and providing a fuel break within the community. CAL FIRE will utilize manual and mechanical treatments to cut and lop ladder fuels such as shrubs, woody debris, and lower tree branches. This treatment will target woody vegetation under 10-inch DBH and ladder fuels up to 12-feet off the ground. Woody debris may be gathered into burn piles or chipped. All burning will be conducted on permissive burn days or in accordance with a permit from the County's Air Pollution Control District. No healthy, mature, and scenic trees will be removed except for hazard trees. Hazard tree examples such as snags, damaged, and unhealthy trees that pose a dangerous falling threat or that can generate embers during fire. There is a two-track dirt road that is the center line for this project. We plan to minimize new disturbances and keep vehicles within two-track where possible.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

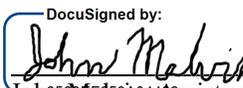
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4, §15304: Minor Alteration to the Land Categorical Exemption
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project meets the requirements of Class 4, §15304: Minor Alteration to the Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Class 4 includes minor public or private alterations in the conditions of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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 or traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Mariposa Headquarters at 5366 State Highway 49 North, Mariposa CA 95338.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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 John McElroy, Assistant Deputy Director Date  
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