



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	California Forest Shared Stewardship Support Program Grant: Manzanita Chutes (USFS)		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Lassen National Forest, Hat Creek Ranger District: North Battle Creek Reservoir, Red Mountain, south of Thousand Lakes Wilderness- Located to the northwest of Lassen Volcanic National Park within all or part of T31N, R3E, Sec 1-4 & 9-15; T31N, R4E, Sec 5-7; T32N, R3E, Sec 1-5, 8-15, 17, 19-35; T32N, R4E, Sec 1-22, & 28-32; and T33N, R4E, Sec 33.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Shasta
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the USDA Forest Service to conduct multiple vegetation treatments, including mechanical thinning and fuels work, biomass removal, prescribed and pile burning, pine restoration and aspen release. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under North 49 Forest Health Recovery Project Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement signed on 4/24/08. NEPA coverage for this project is 16,093 acres, with initial treatments at 1,523 acres.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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