



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Camp Roberts Broadcast Burn Assist

PROJECT LOCATION Camp Roberts
San Miguel, CA

COUNTY San Luis Obispo

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Camp Roberts Emergency Services and California Military Department proposes to request assistance from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to perform prescribed burns on approximately 15,000 acres of Camp Roberts. The prescribed burn will reduce non-native grasses and their seedbed, reduce wildfire fuels, enhance the existing oak woodland habitat, and reduce wildland fire starts from military live fire training and maneuvers. The prescribed burn would occur annually between late April and July to maximize effectiveness. Approximate timing of the burn is dependent on grass maturity, weather conditions and prescription burn requirements as identified in the final Burn Plan.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section
- 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

The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. All Camp Roberts Burn Assist project activities are included in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for Camp Roberts signed in 2022. The California Military Department Environmental Determination has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. In addition, field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit Headquarters in San Luis Obispo, CA.

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