

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Rathbone Stream Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-35422-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The project to be completed is located within the South Fork Big River watershed, approximately 10 miles northwest of the town of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 24, Township 16N, Range 14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Orr Springs U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 149-270-33; latitude 39.23204 N and longitude 123.36154 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-35422-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Amy Rathbone.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on February 8, 2023. The project is limited to one (1) encroachment. One encroachment is for the installation of a culvert on an unnamed tributary to South Fork Big River. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, installation of a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Amy Rathbone

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The Rathbone Stream Crossing Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 because the project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation, which does not involve removal of health, mature scenic trees.

CDFW Contact Person: ^{Digitally signed by:} Jessica Ryan, Environmental Scientist, 916-208-5190, jessica.ryan@wildlife.ca.gov

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