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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Count Neighbor Driveway Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-17195-R1C)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 6.7 miles S of the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Sections 7 and 8, T20N, R14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Longvale U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 036-010-51; latitude 39.5935 N and longitude 123.4487 W at the twelfth stream crossing (Crossing-12).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-17195-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jackson Count.

The project is limited to four encroachments. The proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossings, 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: Jackson Count

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1 & 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15301 & 15302.**

Reasons why project is exempt: Activities will be conducted to improve and replace existing stream crossings to protect unnamed tributaries of Long Valley Creek. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

Reasons why project is exempt: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15302 Existing Facilities and Replacement or Reconstruction projects.

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