

Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Northern Region
601 Locust St
Redding, CA 96001



Project Title: Mountain Meadows Creek Restoration Project (Project) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-LAS-38701-R1)

Project Location (Lassen County): This project is located in Mountain Meadows Creek, which flows into Mountain Meadows Reservoirs, the headwaters for Hamilton Branch Creek, Latitude 40.26247, Longitude -120.90406.

Project Description: On August 30, 2023, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-LAS-38701-R1 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for the Project, which will be carried out by Plumas Corporation. The Project area is currently a series of deeply incised channels that are disconnect from the active channel. The project is designed to eliminate channel incision and reactivate historic flow-paths on the meadow surface and will include planting native plant species in the riparian corridor, removal of encroaching conifers, and implementing grazing management changes to enhance habitat quality for meadow species. The restored hydrology and improved floodplain function will promote more vigorous growth of mesic meadow plant species, enhance summer flow conditions, and improve water quality by eliminating eroding banks and filtering flood flows on the meadow floodplain surface. This will be done by partially filling in three primary gullies and complete fill in incised reaches of channel.

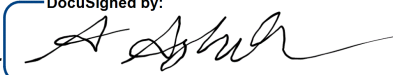
Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas Corporation

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has determined that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW's determination is supported by (1) Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District's April 21, 2023, initial determination as lead agency that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director's June 20, 2023, concurrence with that CDFW determination ([SERP Concurrence](#)).

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For Curt Babcock, Environmental Program Manager

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