

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) CA. Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd.
West Sacramento, CA 95691

(Address)

County Clerk
County of _____

Project Title: Upper Feather River (UFR) Dams Fault Exploration, Grizzly Valley Fault (GVF)

Project Location - Specific:

Near Grizzly Valley Dam and Lake Davis
LAT: 39°55'50.01" N, LONG: 120°30'29.23" W
T28N, R12E, Section 30-31; T24N, R13E, Section 22, MDBM

Project Location – City: Beckwourth Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To evaluate past tectonic activity that could influence dam safety at Lake Davis in the future. Up to two trench sites on the Grizzly Valley Fault (GVF) near Lake Davis on the Mt. Hough Ranger District. Trenches will be approximately up to 100' long by 30' wide and up to 16' deep. The trenches will be open for up to three weeks at each location. At the end of the project, site will be restored to original conditions using the excavated spoils, straw, and native seed per Plumas Nation Forest direction. Trenches will be compacted using a backhoe bucket. Some preliminary subsurface geologic exploration at the GVF sites will take place prior to excavation. A hand auger (2" to 4" diameter) will be used to dig a few feet into the ground and then backfilled with the same soil. If conditions are difficult, a test pit measuring up to 4'x 4'x4' will be dug by hand and shovel and backfilled with the same soil.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 4 exemptions actions consisting of minor alterations to land including minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The goal of the trenching is to evaluate past tectonic activity that could influence dam safety at Lake Davis in the future. The trenches will be open for up to three weeks at each location. At the end of the project, site will be restored to original conditions using the excavated spoils, straw, and native seed per Plumas Nation Forest direction.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Hilary Garibay Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 664-2855

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Hilary Garibay Date: 9/11/2023 Title: Sr Engineering Geologist

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

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