



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Guadalupe Road		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Guadalupe Fire Road, Catheys Valley, CA 95306 Sec. 1, 2, 11, 12 T06S R17E; Sec. 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18 T06S R18E; Sec. 24, 25, 36 T05S R17E; and Sec. 31 T05S R18E	<b>COUNTY</b>	Mariposa
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Guadalupe Road will be a 600 ft. wide shaded fuel break (300 ft. on both sides of the center line) covering 673 acres. Approximately 8 miles in length along Guadalupe Fire Road, Catheys Valley, CA 95306. The project is located in a Southern Sierra Foothills woodland community setting, predominantly oak woodland habitat with gray pines, shrubs, and grasslands vegetation. To accomplish this project the treatment activities will involve mechanical and manual cutting, piling, or chipping as well as prescribed fire to pile burn on permissive days. Targeting the woody fuels in the understory such as ladder fuels, low branches up to 8 ft. off the ground, shrubs, and trees smaller than 8-inch DBH. Hazard trees such as dead, dying, or diseased that pose a threat may be removed. A road grader may be used to maintain the pre-existing dirt road.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4, §15304: Minor Alteration to the Land Categorical Exemption
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- 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 project meets the requirements of Class 4, §15304: Minor Alteration to the Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Class 4 includes minor public or private alterations in the conditions of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or 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, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Mariposa Headquarters at 5366 State Highway 49 North, Mariposa CA 95338.

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