



Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Trinity Roads Partnership		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located along side roads from State Highway 3 in Northern Trinity County, California. Portions of T37N R7W; T36N R7W; T36N R8W; T35N 7W; T35N R8W; T35N R9W; and T34N 8W (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian).	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of roadside boom-mounted mastication, hand thinning, and roadside chipping on an approximately 390-acre footprint associated with this project along side roads near State Hwy 3 in the Lewiston, Coffee Creek, and Trinity Center areas. This project is an integral part of the District's landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events and returning the landscape to a healthy, less hazardous state. Roads are on private land owned by Sierra Pacific Industries as well as small adjoining USFS areas and have been chosen due to their significance for access to popular recreation sites as well as to strategic existing and planned fuel breaks. They will provide safe evacuation routes and improve ease of firefighter access and suppression efforts. The prescription includes boom-mounted mastication and manual cutting and chipping of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) trees and shrubs that are within 100 feet of roadways. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304
Minor Alterations to Land
- 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

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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