



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	National Forest Foundation, San Bernadino National Forest Post-Fire Restoration and Forest Health Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	San Bernardino National Forest: Township 5 South, Range 2 East, Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 23, and 24 of the Idyllwild, Blackburn, San Jacinto Peak, and Lake Fulmor, CA 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps.	COUNTY	San Bernardino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the National Forest Foundation to conduct fuel reduction treatments, including thinning, light brush removal, pruning, mastication, lop and scatter, and snag removal in San Bernadino National Forest. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest health and resiliency.

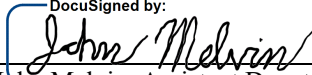
EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under two NEPA documents: 1) Decision Memo – Strawberry and West Ridge Fuelbreaks Maintenance Projects signed on 11/8/2013, and 2) Decision Memo - Pine Cove Fuelbreak Maintenance Project signed on 1/9/2015.

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