



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	USDA Forest Service, "East Fork Scott"		
PROJECT LOCATION	Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, Klamath National Forest 10 miles northeast of Callahan, California in Township (T) 40 North (N), Range (R) 6 West (W), Sections 5-8, and 18; T40N, R7W, Sections 1-5, 8-23, 27-33; T40N, R8W, Sections 4, 10, 12-15, 23, 24; T41N, R6W, Sections 7, 18-20, 29-31; T41N, R7W, Sections 1, 2, 11-14, 22-27, 32-36, Mount Diablo Meridian	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the United States Forest Service (USFS) to conduct fuel reduction treatments by manual felling, mechanical felling, chipping, or by mastication, and broadcast burning. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks, promote improved forest health and resilience in early and mid-to late-seral habitat, enhance meadow and oak woodland habitat, manage sensitive plants, improve forage for large game, reduce sediment input from various sources, protect and enhance riparian habitat and shade, and improve firefighter and public safety.

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 the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, Klamath National Forest NEPA East Fork Scott Project Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact signed November 18, 2020.

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