

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Butte County Fire Safe Council: Forest Health and Upper Watershed Resilience Grant – USFS Magalia Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest Numerous locations around the towns of Paradise, Magalia, Concow, and Yankee Hill in Butte County	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Butte County Fire Safe Council to conduct a variety of treatment methods, including handcut pile and burn, lop and scatter, mastication, hazardous tree removal, and prescribed burning on land within the wildland urban interface (WUI) to integrate forest health promotion with hazardous fuels reduction, and to generate commercial forest by-product. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

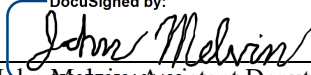
EXEMPTION STATUS

- 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 the Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest NEPA Concow Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision, signed July 1, 2011.

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