

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** Vogt Woodman Creek Road Ford Creek Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-42315-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 2.75 miles northeast of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 30, Township 22N, Range 14W, Mt Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Laytonville U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 033-140-03-00; latitude 39.7347 N and longitude 123.4646 W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-42315-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Eric Vogt, representing Woodman Creek Association.

The project is limited to one (1) encroachment to be implemented in two (2) phases. The Stream Crossing encroachment is to winterize the existing crossing under Phase 1 and replace the existing crossing with an open bottom stream crossing configuration that allows unrestricted passage of all life stages of fish and accommodates high flows with associated debris and materials up to and including 100-year flood events under Phase 2. Work under Phase 1 will include removing rip rap outside the wetted stream channel, pulling back the left (north) stream bank above the bankfull channel to a 3:1 horizontal to vertical slop, rock armoring the left bank slope with rip rap and graded rock armor, installing natural fabric and rocking the stream crossing road and fillslope, and hydrologically disconnecting the road and slopes from the stream. Phase 2 will include removing the existing crossing with associated bank and channel armoring, and installing a stream crossing configuration designed by a State of California qualified license professional with written design approval by CDFW.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Eric Vogt, representing Woodman Creek Association

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Woodman Creek Road Ford Creek Crossing Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves the winterization of an existing crossing and installation of a permanent bridge at an existing stream crossing location on an permanent road. No mature, scenic trees will be affected by this project. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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