

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, "Northern Mendocino County Forest Health Collaborative" North Red Mountain Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	North Red Mountain Region in the vicinity of Piercy, CA	<b>COUNTY</b>	Mendocino
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District to conduct vegetation and forest management treatments including prescribed fire (pile burning and understory burning), manual felling, mechanical treatments, including mastication, chipping, and biomass removal. These treatments will aid in decreasing the severity of wildfire, help protect the communities surrounding the North Red Mountain area from wildfire, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

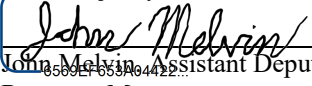
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**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 U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field Office's NEPA North Red Mountain Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Environmental Assessment (#DOI-BLM-CA-N030-2020-0015-EA), Decision Record, and Finding of No Significant Impact, signed November 2, 2020.

The NEPA record of project approval is available to the General Public at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>.

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