



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	California Deer Association, Warner Mountains Forest Health Implementation: Bald Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project (USFS)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Modoc National Forest, Warner Mountain Ranger District: Located approximately 16 air miles northeast of Alturas, California, extending north from Bald Mountain to the headwaters of the South Fork of Davis Creek.	COUNTY	Modoc
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the California Deer Association to conduct conifer thinning and fuels reduction treatments to aid in reducing wildfire behavior and improve the protection of nearby communities and values at risk from potential widespread wildfires in the Warner Mountain Ranger District. These treatments will also increase ecosystem resiliency to drought and climate change effects and improve forest health, watershed resiliency, and the existing transportation system in the project area.

EXEMPTION STATUS

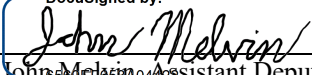
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

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 November 2020 Warner Mountain Ranger District, Modoc National Forest NEPA Bald Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Assessment - Finding of No Significant Impact and Final Decision Notice, signed February 2, 2022.

The NEPA record of project approval is available to the General Public at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51867>.

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