



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	TreePeople, "Forest Health Post-Fire Reforestation & Recovery in the Angeles National Forest:" Angeles National Forest Plan for Invasive Plants, Copper Fire Woodlands Restoration, and Blue Ridge/Guffy Vegetation and Fuels Management Projects (USFS)		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Santa Clara Mojave Rivers, San Gabriel, and Los Angeles Gateway Ranger Districts, Los Angeles National Forest	<b>COUNTY</b>	Los Angeles and San Bernardino
<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 TreePeople to conduct post-fire treatments to restore the forest's native habitats through invasive species abatement, climate-resilient plant propagation, passive restoration, reforestation, and ongoing site management. These treatments will aid in minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause, promote reforestation through the reestablishment of mixed conifer stands, 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 following NEPA documents: 1) Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Plan for Invasive Plants Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact Statement, signed December 2, 2015 as well as the Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District Invasive Plant Treatment Project Decision Notice/ Finding of No Significant Impact Statement, signed August 16, 2013; 2) Blue Ridge/Guffy Vegetation and Fuels Management Project Decision Memo, signed May 4, 2011; and 3) Copper Fire Woodlands Restoration Project Decision Memo, signed February 14, 2022.

NEPA records of project approvals are available to the General Public at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/angeles/landmanagement/projects>

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