

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Northern Region  
619 Second Street  
Eureka, California 95501



**Project Title:** South Fork Ten Mile River Salmonid Enhancement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-47133-R1C)

**Project Location:** The project to be completed is located within the Ten Mile River watershed, approximately six miles northeast of the town of Fort Bragg, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section, T19N, R17W, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Dutchmans Knoll U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 069-022-00-60; latitude 39.532371 N and longitude 123.742274 W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-47133-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sanctuary Forest.

The project will result in the construction of alcoves, creation of a multi-threaded channel complex, installation of large wood features, removing some red alders (*Alnus rubra*) and willow (*Salix spp.*), and revegetation with native species. The newly constructed alcoves will be tidally influenced and will provide important off-channel habitat for salmonids and other native species. Large wood features will be installed in the alcoves and revegetated with native sedges and rushes. The multi-threaded channel will be created by excavating and removing gravel that was deposited during a 1965 flood event. The multi-threaded channel will also be tidally influenced and will provide additional off-channel habitat. Accelerated recruitment techniques will be used to secure wood in the mainstem of the South Fork Ten Mile River by pinning logs between riparian trees and vertical log anchors that will be vibrated into the streambed.

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


**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: The Nature Conservancy**

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** With the avoidance and minimization measures proposed by The Nature Conservancy, and the conditions in the LSAA, the restoration project is unlikely to have significant impacts to the environment. Additionally, the project will be less than 5 acres in size.

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