

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Seiad Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Legal: Portions of T46N R11W and Sections 5, 6 and 7, and T46N R12W Sections 1 and 12; MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	SISKIYOU
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Vegetation treatments are proposed for approximately 70 acres along Seiad Creek Road and associated driveways in Seiad Valley, California (project). Treatments include 100ft on both sides of the road and driveways. Approximately 100 habitable structures will benefit from this project, as well as infrastructure including State Hwy 96, Pacific Power lines, water sources, main ingress/egress roads, and emergency resources. The objective of the project is to enhance public safety conditions for residences, infrastructure, responding fire fighters and other emergency services. Both mechanical and manual treatments are proposed. Heavy equipment proposed includes a masticator and chipper. The treatment prescription guideline will include the thinning and removal of vegetation less than 10-inch diameter (dbh) to provide approximately 15 – 20 feet spacing between trees. Leave trees will be limbed to a minimum of 8 - 12 feet above the ground as appropriate. Treated fuels slash will be hand piled, then masticated or chipped. All masticated or chipped material will be dispersed and spread evenly no deeper than approximately 4-6 inches. Slash Treatment will include the strategic removal of brush and all ladder fuels and creation of defensible space. There will be no prescription fire, either pile burning or broadcast burning throughout the project area.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4 , §15304 Minor Alteration to land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters in Yreka.

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