



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction

**PROJECT LOCATION** Lytle Creek Canyon

**COUNTY** San Bernardino

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The San Bernardino National Forest proposes to reduce the fire risk and improve forest health in the area of the Lytle Creek Canyon and the immediate area surrounding the community of Lytle Creek in San Bernardino County, California. The Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project proposes to reestablish the structural integrity of previously established fuelbreaks as well as implementing new fuelbreaks in locations that will provide wildland fire suppression modules (engines, crews, dozers, aircraft, etc.) more advantageous and effective opportunities to safely engage wildfires. CAL FIRE has provided funding toward the implementation of this project via Wildfire Prevention Grant #5GA22219, awarded to the National Forest Foundation in the 2022-2023 grant cycle.

### 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

The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. All grant-funded project activities are included in the San Bernardino National Forest's Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project signed in 2023.

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