

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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| PROJECT TITLE | Mid-Klamath Watershed Council Grants: Six Rivers National Forest Integrated Management of Invasive Non-native Plant Species & Klamath National Forest Non-Chemical Invasive Species Control | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | Six Rivers National Forest & Klamath National Forest: Forest Wide | COUNTY | Humboldt and Siskiyou |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council to manually remove non-native invasive plants along roadways and previously disturbed areas (e.g., landings, skid roads) that are typically less than an acre in size within Six Rivers and Klamath National Forest lands. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, 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 Six Rivers Forest-Wide Integrated Management of Invasive Non-native Plant Species Decision Memo signed on May 11, 2011, and the Klamath National Forest Non-Chemical Invasive Species Control Decision Memo signed on October 5, 2023.

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