

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	The Watershed Research and Training Center, "Southern Trinity Fire Resiliency Project" – USFS Trinity Post Fire Hazard Reduction and Salvage Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Shasta Trinity National Forest, Yolla Bolla Ranger District, Hayfork Ranger District, & Big Bar Ranger District	<b>COUNTY</b>	Trinity
<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 The Watershed Research and Training Center to conduct hazardous fuels reduction treatments, including mechanical & manual thinning, mastication, piling, biomass removal, and chipping. The goal of the project is to implement fuel reduction treatments to remove danger/hazard trees, create conditions that will support the restoration of fire to its natural role in the ecosystem, 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 NEPA in the NEPA Trinity Post Fire Hazard Reduction and Salvage Project FEIS and ROD, signed on 12/19/17.

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