



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Pinehurst/Miramonte Ingress/Egress Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Section 33, T13S, R27E; Sections 4,5,6,9,10,14,15,20,21,22,23,26,27,28 & 35, T14S, R27E; and Sections 11,13,14 & 24, T14S, R26E, M.D.B.M. Miramonte, California 7.5-minute quadrangle	COUNTY	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pinehurst/Miramonte Ingress/Egress Fuel Breaks Project (project) involves the roadside treatment of vegetative fuels along several public road segments in eastern Fresno County, CA. The planned treatment area will extend 30 feet out from both sides of designated roads. The project area encompasses 221 SRA acres, which includes the existing road width, along 19 miles of road. Approximately 135 net acres of roadside vegetation will be treated on the SRA lands.

Vegetation will be treated by a combination of mechanical and manual methods. The primary method will utilize a masticator reaching out from the road's edge. Hand crews using chain saws and pruning saws will be employed as a secondary method. Vegetation targeted for removal will include accumulations of surface fuels, hazard trees, and branches overhanging roads that present a safety issue to the public and emergency personnel.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/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

This project fits into a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA (15304 minor alterations to land). Field review by a CAL FIRE Unit Environmental Scientist confirmed that no exceptions apply which 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, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems and wildfire following approval and implementation of this project. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Fresno-Kings Unit Headquarters at 210 South Academy Avenue, Sanger, CA 93657.

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