

Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Northern Region
601 Locust St
Redding, California 96001



Project Title: Big Meadows Restoration - Phase 2 (Project) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SIS- 49511-R1)

Project Location (Siskiyou County): The Project is located at Big Meadows Creek tributary to Shackelford Creek, in the County of Siskiyou County, State of California; Latitude 41.584728, Longitude -123.046618.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number EPIMS-SIS- 49511-R1 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for the Project, which will be carried out by the Scott River Watershed Council. This Project will restore wet meadow habitat, improve water quality and flows for the threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon, and restore declining aspen forest stands. Wildlife-friendly cattle exclusion fencing will be installed around approximately 25 acres of Big Meadow and the adjacent aspen groves to address the impacts of drift from grazing on nearby public lands. Additionally, low tech process-based techniques, including strategical placement of slash and on-site materials like sod and stones into degraded gullies, and construction of beaver dam analogs and post-assisted log structures in the stream channels within Big Meadow, will be employed to arrest legacy hydrological degradation and encourage channel aggradation to allow increased ground water storage and improved downstream water quality.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Scott River Watershed Council

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15333)

Reasons why project is exempt: Meets the requirements of a small habitat restoration project that is not to exceed five acres in size and to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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For Adam McKannay, Environmental Program Manager

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