



Notice of Exemption Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	State Lands Commission: Shasta Springs Fuels Reduction		
PROJECT LOCATION	Weaverville, Trinity County, California. T33N, R9W, S8 (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian).	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of hand thinning, hand piling, chipping, mastication, pile burning, and broadcast burning on approximately 280 acres associated with this project on Musser Hill near the communities of Weaverville and Lewiston in Trinity County, CA. The project area is entirely on land owned by the California State Lands Commission. Fuel Reduction treatments are part of a larger effort by the District and partners to reduce fuels and increase ease of firefighter access along ridges between Weaverville and Lewiston, a strategic area for community protection. Topography is moderate to steep (20%-70%) throughout much of the project area and elevations range from approximately 2200'-2700'.

Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. Prescription will include a combination of the fuels reduction techniques listed above as appropriate based on current conditions, slopes, and access constraints.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alterations 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

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING:



 KELLY SHEEN, DISTRICT MANAGER