

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency) Feather River Resource Conservation District
422 North Mill Creek
Quincy CA, 95971

(Address)

County Clerk / County of Plumas

520 Main Street
Quincy CA, 95971

Project Title: Eastern Plumas Wildfire Protection Project

Project Applicant: Plumas County Firesafe Council

Project Location - Specific:

T22N, R13E, S1,2,8, 10-12,15-17, MDBM; T22N, R14E, S6 MDBM; T23N, R13E, S11-13,25,35,36
MDBM; T23N, R14E, S6-8, 16,17,19-21,28-31 MDBM

Project Location - City: Portola

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposal is a 1,582.2 acre fuels reduction project composed of several treatment units located within and surrounding the Plumas County communities of Portola, Mabie, Iron Horse, and Grizzly Rd up to Lake Davis, California. The proposed project's goals are to 1) reduce the extent of hazardous fuel loading on sites with excessive stand density targeting conifer species 10" or less, and 2) increase spacing between residual trees to maximize forest health and productivity. Treatment methodologies utilized to achieve these goals include 41.2 acres of hand thinning with broadcast chipping, and 1,495.0 acres of mechanical mastication.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas County Firesafe Council

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304; Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number:


Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is located on privately owned lands and fits under Categorical Exemption: 15304 Minor Alterations to the Land (Class 4), which allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species or cause significant erosion and sedimentation in water. Trees targeted for removal and pruning of residual trees will be restricted to those that reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, and/or provide for improved ingress/egress in the event of wildfire. The proposed project has been designed to protect resources from potential significant impacts. This project, as designed, is consistent with the use of a Categorical Exemption

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michael Hall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530.927.5299

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project: Yes No

Signature:  Date: 8/19/2024 Title: District Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

8-19-2024
Date Filed

Julie Hagwood
Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk/Deputy

Certificate of Posting:

I hereby certify that from 8-19-2024 to 9-20-2024 (30 days), I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the Office of the Plumas County Clerk.

By Julie Hagwood Date: 8-19-2024

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