



# Notice of Exemption

## Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Northern Trinity County Forest Resilience Partnership (3100601): Pettijohn Area		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Trinity County, California. All or portions of sections 4-10, 15-22, and 28-33 in T. 34 N., R. 8 W.; sections 4-8, 17 and 18 in T. 33 N., R. 8 W.; section 1 in T. 33 N., R. 9 W.; and sections 1-4, 2, 9-16, 21-26, 35 and 36 in T. 34 N., R. 9 W. (Mount Diablo Meridian).	<b>COUNTY</b>	Trinity
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to implement fuels reduction and forest resilience treatments in the form of manual thinning and piling, and pile burning in the Pettijohn area in Trinity County, CA. This project is an integral part of the District's landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events, returning the county's forests to a healthy condition, and reintroducing good fire to the landscape. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically implemented in overstocked stands in or near the WUI that will contribute to community protection based on topography and historical fire patterns. The project will be implemented on land managed by the United States Forest Service and includes treatments on less than 200 acres over one year.

The prescription includes hand thinning, piling, and pile burning of small diameter (up to 11" DBH) conifers and shrubs. 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. Cut materials will bucked and piled, or lopped and scattered, depending on topography and fuel conditions. These treatments will be followed with pile and/or broadcast burns to maintain or improve forest stand conditions.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section:
- Statutory Exemption (state 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

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 Senate Bill 901/California State Code section 4799.05(d)(1): It is a fuel reduction project intended to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire, located on federal land, and covered by completed NEPA documents. NEPA compliance is under the "Pettijohn Late-successional Reserve Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project" Record of Decision prepared by the Shasta Trinity National Forest Trinity River Management Unit. It is also subject to revisions made in the Supplemental Information Report published March 27, 2019.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
Kelly Sheen, District Manager

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