

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Lassen
220 South Lassen St, Ste 5
Susanville, CA 96130

From: (Public Agency): Fall River Resource Conservation Dist
PO Box 83
McArthur, CA 96056

(Address)

Project Title: Day Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Fall River Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Township 38 North, Range 06 East, Section 7,8 and 17-21 MDBM

Project Location - City: Community of Day Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed activities include fuels reduction treatments utilizing hand cutting and piling, biomass removal, mastication, as well as prescribed fire (i.e., broadcast and pile burning). Future maintenance would be included to ensure the effectiveness of the original implementation. Maintenance methods would include hand treatment, mastication, broadcast burning, targeted grazing, and herbicide application. Broadcast burning would be used on a frequency to approximate the historical fire regime, while herbicide would be used to reduce the density and continuity of resprouting brush had to control invasive, non-native weeds.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sharmie Stevenson

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: State Code Number: Public Resource Code 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under the following Bureau of Land Management NEPA documents: Statewide Wildland-Urban Interface Fuels Treatments Programmatic EA (DOI-BLM-CA-9000-2022-0001-EA), the Hogback Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project EA (DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2020-0004-EA) and the Notice of Decision for the Day Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2024-0008-DNA).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sharmie Stevenson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 299-3405

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: Sharmie Stevenson Date: 9/5/24 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

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