

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Modoc
108 E Modoc Street
Alturas, CA 96101

From: (Public Agency): Pit Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 301
Bieber, CA. 96009

(Address)

Project Title: Rush Creek WUI Project: Amendment

Project Applicant: Pit Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
Township 40 North, Range 09 East, Sections 23-26, 35 Mount Diablo Base & Meridian

Project Location - City: Rush Creek/Adin Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Pit Resource Conservation District (Pit RCD), acting as the Lead Agency, is currently implementing fuel reduction activities to improve the protection of homes, communities, critical infrastructure, and public and private lands from wildfire while protecting environmental, natural and cultural resources. The project is reducing fuel loads in a predominately ponderosa pine forest adjacent to, and within the Rush Creek community. Much of the thinning activity and tree removal has been conducted under California Forest Practice Exemptions. Treatments (proposed and ongoing) include: biomass, mastication, hand thinning, piling, and emergent brush follow-up treatments. In addition to these treatments, the use of prescribed fire with a California Standardized Prescribed Fire Plan will be included

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Pit Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pit Resource Conservation District

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Pit RCD has reviewed the environmental/specialists' reports prepared by Registered Professional Foresters and other specialists and has determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits - including restoration of the forest, watershed, and wildlife habitat. There will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats. There are no known hazardous materials at or around the project site. The project will avoid all archaeological resource sites. The project will not result in cumulatively significant impacts. The project will have no significant adverse effect on the environment.

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: 9/8/24 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.