

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Crossing Maintenance on Union Pacific Railroad (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SIS-53710-R11)

**Project Location (Siskiyou):** The project is located at various locations along the Upper Sacramento River and other riparian areas impacting line of sight along public railroad crossings, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; between the cities of Dunsmuir and Weed.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SIS-53710-R11 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Deangelo Contracting Services.

The project is limited to vegetation management activities in a manner that maintains public safety at railroad crossings owned by Union Pacific Railroad at various locations between Dunsmuir and Weed. Routine maintenance activities shall be defined as those activities periodically scheduled and implemented as necessary to maintain healthy riparian ecosystems while protecting public safety by preserving line-of-sight needed for vehicular traffic at railroad crossings.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Deangelo Contracting Services

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15304

15301: Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

15304: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** As part of maintenance of the at-grade railroad crossings, Permittee will trim and manage vegetation within the line of site of the crossing to maintain safe operation of railroad facilities.



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