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Project Title: South Patterson Emergency (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SIS-54235-R1) for 2-24EM-00074-SIS.

Project Location: The project is located on an unnamed tributary to Patterson Creek, Patterson Creek, and Crystal Creek, which are tributaries to the Scott River, in the Upper Patterson Creek (1105.420702) and Middle Kidder Creek (1105.420704) Planning Watersheds, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Township 42N, Range 10W sections 15, 22, 23, and 27 and Township 42N, Range 09W section 19; Mount Diablo base and meridian; U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map Etna.

Project Description: The project is limited to six encroachments including water drafting from four existing water drafting sites, minor expansion of one in-stream water drafting site, excavation of accumulated sediment from one water drafting site, replacement of an existing crossing with a new permanent vented rock-filled ford crossing, and installation and removal of one temporary Spittler tractor road crossing as identified and described in the Notification of Lake and Streambed Alteration and the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Darin Stringer representing Wildcat Whiskey LLC

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project proposes one permanent crossing structure at an existing crossing location and one temporary crossing structure at a non-functioning existing crossing location. These activities are considered repair and upgrades. Additionally, the project proposes use of four existing water drafting sites, a minor upgrade to one of the sites, and maintenance of one of the sites. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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