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**Project Title:** Doolittle Creek Coho Salmon Habitat Restoration Project  
**Project Location - Specific:** 41.828112° N, 123.400745° W

**Project Location - City:** Happy Camp

**Project Location - County:** Siskiyou

**Description of Project:** The Project will treat a 1.47-mile reach of Doolittle Creek within an area that was severely burned in the 2020 Slater Fire. The objectives are to retain and sort gravel for spawning Coho salmon and other salmonids, increase slow-water habitats, and provide cover for juvenile and adult life stages by constructing approximately 30 large wood structures, which will result in an overall density of 17 to 20 structures per mile. Each structure will consist of three to four logs including at least one key piece of 24-inches DBH (diameter at breast height) or greater. Each structure will be a maximum of 45 feet parallel to the stream channel and 45 feet perpendicular to the stream channel. Structures will be augmented with onsite small woody debris. The wood structures will be constructed by selective felling of burned, dead-standing trees between 16 and 44 inches DBH into the immediate stream channel. Additionally, one 49-inch DBH tree was selected, as it was deemed to be a roadside hazard tree. All work shall occur using chainsaws and hand-operated cable hoist to drag logs into place.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Klamath National Forest

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption; Section 15333; Small Habitat Restoration Projects  
  
 Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project will improve habitat for coho salmon along a 7,750-foot reach of Doolittle Creek, tributary to the Klamath River, through large wood augmentation.

**Lead Agency Contact:** Jake Shannon

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**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:** JAKE SHANNON

**Date:** November 25, 2024

**Title:** Sr. Environmental Scientist (Spec.)

- Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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