

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: PLACER

From: (Public Agency): Placer County Resource Conservation District
11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 120
Auburn CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Prescribed Burning on Private Lands - Applegate, Blackberry

Project Applicant: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

T13N R09E Section 9 MDBM; Greenwood USGS 7.5' Quad

Project Location - City: Applegate

Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Prescribed Burning on Private Lands (PBPL) Program is funded by CAL FIRE to increase the pace and scale of prescribed burning throughout the state to improve fire resilience and forest/community health. Placer RCD is working with Placer County landowners to conduct small scale, low-complexity prescribed burns. The project will serve as an opportunity to equip private landowners with the knowledge and skills to use prescribed burning as a fuels management tool, decrease fuel continuity, and reduce the probability of catastrophic wildfire. The proposed project benefits private landowners, suppression resources, and the ecological integrity of the state's forestlands.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County 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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Placer RCD is proposing the qualification of exemption from a comprehensive CEQA analysis under the Class 4 category for minor alterations to land. The project involves a low-intensity prescribed underburn less than 10 acres to improve community fire resiliency, manage invasive Himalayan blackberry, and preserve the ecological integrity of the property when a wildfire ignites. The planned burn will target carrier fuels like needlecast and leaf litter for fuels reduction. The burn is small in size and low in complexity. The burn will be conducted in a manner that does not release large amounts of smoke. The burn plan will identify hazard mitigation tactics and ensure the conservation of ecological and cultural resources. Under the specified prescription, the burn will have low velocity and minimal heat, resulting in the combustion of fine fuels only and not threatening the forest ecosystem. All necessary permits will be obtained by the landowner. The proposed project will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or result in significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Containment lines may include water bars if built on steep slopes to prevent sediment deposition or erosion.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cordi Craig

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-390-6680

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: *Cordi Craig* Date: 12/1/2024 Title: Prescribed Fire Program Manager

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Applegate Rx Burn - Blackberry Meadow
1001 Boole Road, Applegate CA
T13N, R09E, Section 9 MDBM

