

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Providence Hill Mine Mineral Exploration and Testing (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-51776-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Rush Creek, in the Plumas National Forest, County of Plumas, State of California; Latitude 40.06975° N, Longitude 121.05203° W (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); Township 26 North, Range 8 East, within the south half of Section 35 and the north half of Section 2, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLU-51776-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Charles Watson.

The project is limited to the installation of a temporary water diversion in an unnamed tributary to Rush Creek. The temporary water diversion will support mineral exploration activities in eight defined sample target sites located on a hill slope away from the active bed, bank and channel of Rush Creek and its unnamed tributary. The anticipated water usage is approximately 2,000 gallons per day. As the pond fills, water will be recycled from the pond back through the processing plant. The diversion will occur over a 20-day period from September-November.

Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Charles Watson

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type -- (Class 3, 4, and 6); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15303, 15304, and 15306).

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 3 because the Project consists of construction and location of a new, temporary, small facility (water diversion). Class 4 (f) because the Project involves minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. Class 6 because the Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource

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evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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Signature:  _____ **Date:** 12/5/2024
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