



Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Trinity Unit Campground Forest Health		
PROJECT LOCATION	Trinity County, California. Within the Trinity Unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. Portions of T. 34 N., R. 8 W., Section 4; T. 34 N., R. 9 W., Sections 1, 2; T. 35 N., R. 8 W., Sections 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33; T. 35 N., R. 9 W., Sections 35, 36; T. 36 N., R. 7 W., Sections 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 22, MDM	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to use various funding sources, including CAL FIRE grant funds, to assist the United States Forest Service (USFS) in implementing the Trinity Unit Campground Forest Health Project in northern Trinity County, CA. This project is an integral part of the District's landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events, returning the county's forests to a healthy condition, and reintroducing good fire to the landscape. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically implemented in overstocked stands and those suffering from mortality from a combination of drought, excessive tree density, and insect infestation. Project sites are focused around popular recreation areas near Trinity Lake and adjacent to the communities of Trinity Center and Coffee Creek. The project will be implemented on land managed by the United States Forest Service and includes treatments on up to 1464 acres over 5 years, followed by maintenance with similar treatment types.

The prescription includes four different treatment types. Treatment 1, Within Campgrounds, will be applied on up to 568 acres. Treatment 2, Fuels Reduction Only, will be applied on up to 173 acres. Treatment 3, Forest Restoration, will be applied on up to 700 acres. Treatment 4, Trinity Center Airport Approach Surface, will be applied on up to 23 acres. Activities proposed in one or more of the treatment types include removal of small to medium trees, removal of dead standing trees, removal of trees identified as hazards to recreation infrastructure, manual or mechanical understory fuels reduction, pile burning, and broadcast burning. Other activities include stump grinding, fireline construction, and temporary road construction of not more than one mile. A comprehensive suite of resource protection measures will apply and are detailed in Appendix A of the Decision Memo.

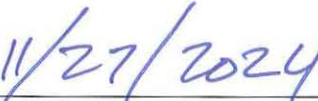
EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section:
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Senate Bill 901/California State Code section 4799.05(d)(1): It is a fuel reduction project intended to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire, located on federal land, and covered by completed NEPA documents. NEPA compliance is under the "Trinity Unit Campground Forest Health" Decision Memo prepared by the Shasta Trinity National Forest National Recreation Area Management Unit.


Kelly Sheen, District Manager


Date

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