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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PROJECT TITLE	Ishi Conservation Camp (CC) Power Pole Replacement Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	30500 Plum Creek Rd, Paynes Creek, CA 96075 T28N R1E Sec. 5, MDBM.	**COUNTY**	Tehama
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Tehama-Glenn Unit of CAL FIRE is proposing a project to replace existing infrastructure at the Ishi Conservation Camp in eastern Tehama County. Ishi Conservation Camp is located approximately 1 mile south of the Town of Paynes Creek and is managed by both the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Department of Corrections.

CALFIRE Northern Region Technical Services plans to replace an existing power pole that is damaged due to deterioration and woodpecker activity. Work is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2025. The pole is located on the north side of Ishi CC between the inmate barracks and recreation building.

A mini excavator (tracked vehicle) and a scissor lift (wheeled vehicle) will be utilized to remove the existing pole and support the existing power lines temporarily until the new pole is in place. The mini excavator will be used to excavate a pit, 1.5' wide x 8' long x tapered depth of 0' to 6', to place the new pole in, then backfill to support the new pole. Finally, the existing power lines will be secured to the new pole, the jobsite will be cleaned up, and all equipment and debris removed from the site. Work is expected to take one day to complete.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 2 § 15302(c)– Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 2 § 15302(c)– Replacement or Reconstruction

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters.

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