

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Pit Resource Conservation District
PO Box 301
Bieber, CA 96009

County Clerk
County of: Lassen
220 South Lassen Street Annex
Susanville, CA 96130

(Address)

Project Title: Butte Creek Fuel and Hazard Tree Reduction

Project Applicant: Pit RCD

Project Location - Specific:

Butte Creek Subdivision: T37N R10E Sec. 5,6 & T38N R10E Sec. 29,30,31,32 MDBM

Project Location - City: Adin Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Butte Creek Hazard Tree and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project is funded by CAL FIRE to reduce hazardous fuels from around private infrastructure and remove dead and dying roadside hazard trees resulting from the 2020 Gold Fire in the Butte Creek subdivision. The project will serve to assist landowners in reducing hazardous fuels from around their homes and access roads to decrease fuel continuity, alter wildfire behavior, reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and help provide safer ingress and egress. Removing dead and dying roadside hazard trees resulting from the 2020 Gold Fire will further provide safe ingress and egress as the large trees often block access for the landowners to reach and leave their properties. The proposed project benefits local landowners, first responders, and emergency resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Pit Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stewardship West

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:

This project fits under Categorical Exemption: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (class 4) which allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation and hazard tree removal so long as it does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of waters. The proposed project has been designed to protect private infrastructure, hydrology, and water and soil resources to prevent significant erosion or sedimentation of waters. The project, as designed, is consistent with the use of a Categorical Exemption. Field review confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. Environmental review consistent with California Environmental Quality Act 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, soils, or to wildfire. The project is design to protect private infrastructure from wildfire and provide safer ingress and egress for landowners, first responders, and emergency resources. The project will have no significant adverse effects on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sharmie Stevenson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-299-3405

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: Sharmie Stevenson Date: 1/5/25 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.