

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	TWC, Corp., "Dixie Fire Restoration Project"		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	T27N R10E Sec 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16; T28N R09E Sec 33. MDB&M	<b>COUNTY</b>	Lassen and Plumas
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE would provide funding to expedite priority restoration measures in high severity burn areas on 3,161 acres of privately owned timberland (owned and managed by Collins Pine Company) in the Upper Cooks Creek and Moonlight Watersheds which are tributary to the Feather River and approximately five miles south and east of the community of Westwood. Funding supports the broader goal of post fire recovery and forest health resiliency. CAL FIRE funding, as it relates to on the ground treatments, will focus on mechanical site preparation, hand site preparation within riparian areas, tree planting, and herbicide application. These treatments intend to aid in the following goals; 1) reduce the threat of future wildfire by treating standing dead trees and brush by cutting, skidding and piling 2) improve forest health by reestablish healthy young tree seedlings 3) increase carbon storage through the management of newly planted tree seedlings.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources 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**

Pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a) a project is exempt from CEQA when it "maintain[s], repair[s], restore[s]... property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code." Implementation of the project would restore forested landscapes, restore carbon sequestration capacity of targeted forested landscapes, restore and increase capacity as it relates to above and below ground carbon storage, and restore forest habitat destroyed by the Dixie Fire. The action is therefore exempt from CEQA because it would restore property damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster for which a state of emergency was proclaimed, pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a). The Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the Dixie Fire is available at <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/policy-administration/legal-affairs/emergency-proclamations/>.

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