

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Corral Creek Timber LLC, "Corral Creek Timber Post-Fire Restoration Project" - August Complex & Monument Fire		
PROJECT LOCATION	T1S R8E Sec. 30 & 31; T2S R8E Sec. 5, 7, 8, & 9; T4N R7E Sec. 16, 21, 23, & 24; T4N R8E Sec. 16 HBM	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	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 up to 2,545 acres of privately owned timberland (owned and managed by Corral Creek Timber LLC) in Trinity County. CAL FIRE funding, as it relates to on the ground treatments, will focus entirely upon herbicide application to control competing vegetation and manual tree planting. In addition to the short-term benefit of restoring and reforesting severely burned forested acres, implementation of the project would promote resilience in the natural ecosystem services, such as overall watershed improvements through improved regulation of surface runoff and groundwater infiltration, increased uptake of carbon dioxide, provide for slope stabilization, and restoration of lost forest-based habitat for species that rely upon these environments.

EXEMPTION STATUS

Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))

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 August Complex (2020) and Monument Fire (2021). 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).

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