

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE Patriot Restoration Ops (PROPS), “Implementing Post-Fire Reforestation on Klamath National Forest”

PROJECT LOCATION Gooseneast Ranger District; Klamath National Forest **COUNTY** Siskiyou

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to Patriot Restoration Ops (PROPS) to conduct reforestation activities to accelerate the reestablishment of burned forest areas, reduce dead and down fuel loading, and promote resilient forest conditions on the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County. Treatments include mechanical and manual site preparation and manual tree planting. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote diverse forest structure, and aid in habitat recruitment to expedite the regeneration of healthy forests.

EXEMPTION STATUS

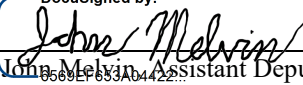
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under the Klamath National Forest Antelope and Tennant Fire Recovery NEPA Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, signed October 18, 2023. NEPA coverage for this project is 10,548 acres, with initial treatments at 1,292 acres.

The NEPA record of project approval is available to the General Public at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/klamath/landmanagement/projects>

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