

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	California Forestry Association, "Calforests Antelope Post Fire Recovery – Phase I (FWS Forestry)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Near Tennant, CA: Privately owned timberland within portions of the Klamath River and McCloud River watersheds (specifically within portions of the Lookout Butte, Squaw Creek, Long Prairie, Round Valley, Garner Mountain, Orr Lake, Fisk Creek, Horse Peak, and Antelope Creek Planning Watersheds). Legal Description: Within portions of T43N, R1W, Sec. 1, 2, 11, 12; T43N, R1E, Sec. 31; T43N, R2E, Sec. 7, 8; T44N, R1W, Sec. 35, 36; T44N, R1E, Sec. 29, 30, 31, 35, 36; T44N, R2E, Sec. 31; T44N, R3E, Sec. 1; T44N, R4E, Sec. 6 (MDBM)	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 expedite priority restoration measures in high severity burn areas on approximately 3,247 acres of privately owned timberland (managed by F&W Forestry) within proximity to the community of Tennant, California. Funding supports the broader goal of post fire recovery and forest health and resiliency. CAL FIRE funding, as it relates to on the ground treatments, will focus entirely upon control of competing vegetation, tree planting, post planting vegetation control. The project supports a local workforce within a census designated priority population. 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

- 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

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 Antelope 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).

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