

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** Caltrans District 2  
1657 Riverside Drive  
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit 02-25-X-XX-0142 for Lassen National Forest's Emergency Fuels Reduction Project Along State Route 36 Near Mineral

Project Applicant: Lassen National Forest

Project Location - Specific: State Route 36 in Tehama County in the vicinity of post mile 84.83 near the community of Mineral

Project Location - City: Mineral

Project Location - County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Lassen National Forest is proposing an emergency fuels reduction project within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along State Route 36 in Tehama County in the vicinity of post mile 84.83 near the community of Mineral. The activity is part of a larger emergency fuels reduction project (the Pyrite Timber Sale) which would remove trees and vegetation to create a fire break to protect the nearby community of Mineral. Flagging/traffic control would be required during logging operations. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (02-25-X-XX-0142) to allow the proposed activities to occur within the right-of-way along State Route 36.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans (for issuance of encroachment permit)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lassen National Forest

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15269(c)—Emergency Projects

Reasons why project is exempt:

Following the devastation of the Los Angeles firestorms and with the risk of wildfire increasing statewide, on March 1, 2025, the Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency which would fast-track critical projects protecting communities from wildfire. The project is statutorily exempt in accordance with Section 15269 (Emergency Projects)—(c) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Keith Pelfrey

Phone number: (530) 941-3340

**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: *Keith Pelfrey*      Date: 5/5/25      Title: SES

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.