

Notice of Exemption

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From: Shasta Valley RCD
215 Executive Ct A
Yreka, CA 96097

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Project Title: Outsen Road Fuels Reduction Project Agreement # 5GG22130

Project Applicant: Ore-Cal Resource Conservation & Development Area Council (ORE-CAL)

Project Location - Specific:

The project area lies west of Highway 3 between Greenhorn Park- to the north, and Lime Gulch- to the south. Approximately 30% of the project is within the boundaries of the City of Yreka and the balance is in unincorporated areas of Siskiyou County. The project is located in portions of Sections 32, 33, 34 T45N, R7W, and portions of Sections 4,5,6, 8 & 9, T44N, R7W MDB&M as shown in Figure 1.

Project Location - City: Yreka

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project Activity Area (PAA) is 1498 acres, and the treatment area encompasses 367 acres distributed within the PAA (Figure 1). The proposed action consists of:

- Fuel reduction within a 100' radius of 25 homes and other permanent structures (~30 acres). This area is referred to as Defensible Space Zones
- Constructing fuelbreaks (~ 400' wide off the existing ridgetop firebreaks (constructed in 2022 as part of the McKinney Fire contingency fire contingency plan) (~156 acres)
- Constructing ~100' wide fuelbreaks on spur ridges tied to the McKinney Fire firebreak lines (~77 acres)
- Treating fuels within 100' of roads needed for evacuation of homes during a fire (17 acres)
- Thinning 150' wide fuel breaks building off existing utility line corridors (17 acres),
- Thinning of small diameter trees and removal of dead and dying trees, reducing understory fuels and opening overstory canopies (56 acres)
- Conducting fuel maintenance demonstrations including use of a curtain burner and grazing (herbivory) on approximately 50 acres
- Conducting two homeowner workshops on defensible space, post treatment maintenance and fire planning and home hardening

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: ORE-CAL

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: 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed activities use existing roads, minimal grading, incorporate Best Management Practices, implement Limited Operating Period to protect wildlife, and completed cultural, wildlife and botanical surveys to identify and avoid these resources. The project measures have less than significant effects on the environment, signifying that it is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dan Blessing

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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: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 5/6/25 Title: SUPERVISOR DBF mgr

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

Figure 1. Project Area Map

