

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2018122046

Project Title: South Fork Lost River Flow and Habitat Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-40403 -R1C)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the headwaters of the Mattole River watershed, approximately 9 miles east-southeast of the town of Shelter Cover, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 26, T05S, R02E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Bear Harbor U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 051-160-01, 051-160-03.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MEN-40403 -R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is Sanctuary Forest.

This Agreement authorizes Sanctuary Forest to construct rock weirs, install log weirs with subsurface clay barriers, augment streambed material with imported gravel, install large wood enhancement features in a Class I and II stream. Additionally, this Agreement also authorizes Sanctuary Forest to convert an incised Class III tributary into a wetland feature.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 24, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the **Mitigated Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office:

Signature:  Date: 7/24/2023

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____