

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018122049

Project Title: Carter Gulch Stream Crossing Upgrades (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-TRI-15987-R11)

Project Location: The projects are located at Carter Gulch and an unnamed tributary to Carter Gulch in Hayfork Valley in Trinity County; 380 Carter Gulch Road, Hayfork, CA, 94041. Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 011-410-32-00 and 011-410-37-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-TRI-15987-R11 pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Christopher Koehler.

Projects 1 & 2 are limited to the installation of rock ford crossings at current, unprotected low water crossings. Crushed rock will be placed along the full road width, reaching beyond the top of the bank on both sides of the roadway. The protected crossings will be approximately 12-foot wide by 20-foot long and have a depth of approximately six inches.

Project 3 is limited to the removal of a failed 12-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) and failing pedestrian bridge at Carter Gulch. The CMP has settled into the bottom of the channel and is partially buried in sediment. The pedestrian bridge is primarily composed of wood, the abutments of which are deteriorating in the soil of the bank. The bottom cord of the bridge currently remains below the top of the bank. Both the culvert and the entirety of the pedestrian bridge will be removed by hand.

Project 4 is limited to the upgrading of an existing culverted stream crossing to a rock ford. An undersized, 24-inch diameter CMP currently exists at the stream crossing. The

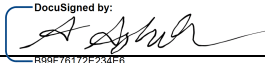
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CMP will be removed, and four-inch crushed rock will be placed along the full road width, reaching beyond the top of the bank on both sides of the roadway. The protected crossing will be approximately 12-feet wide by 20-feet long and have a depth of approximately six inches.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on December 13, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will / 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 environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 12/15/2023

Ali Aghili, Acting Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____