

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Mattole and Salmon Creek Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-44352 -R1C)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately three miles east-southeast of the unincorporated community of Petrolia, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Assessor's Parcel Numbers 105-121-018, 104-161-009, 104-162-012; latitude 40.30564 N and longitude 124.237751 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-44352-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, the Mattole Restoration Council.

This Agreement authorizes the Mattole Restoration Council to place approximately 400 whole trees in McGinnis Creek to increase habitat complexity and improve spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids. The trees will be transported by helicopter from previous vegetation removal efforts that occurred in grassland restoration sites. Large wood features will consist of deflector jams, opposing jams, and underflow jams. Some cutting of riparian vegetation, consisting of red alder (*Alnus rubra*) may be required to allow suitable visibility for wood placement by helicopter.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 30, 2024, 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 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** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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.

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