



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Antelope Fire Preparedness Exercise		
PROJECT LOCATION	Approximately five air miles northeast of the community of Susanville and just west of California State Highway 139	COUNTY	Lassen
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A series of yearly CAL FIRE training exercises is being proposed on portions of Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) property in conjunction with CAL FIRE. In general, the training exercises will involve CAL FIRE personnel to demonstrate the safe and effective use of fire suppression tactics. Practices employed will include hand line construction utilizing chainsaws and assorted hand tools to cut vegetation and displace surface vegetation exposing some bare mineral soil. In addition, crews will also conduct a tool out exercise, which should not involve the cutting of vegetation. Not all of the area will be treated by training activities. Approximately five acres of vegetation may be treated in any one year. No burning of slash material generated during the training exercises will occur. No heavy equipment will be operated off of existing road surfaces and already disturbed road shoulders. Much of the proposed training area has received some form of land management in the past such as, among other things, logging, road construction, firewood cutting and livestock grazing.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (Minor Alterations to the Land)
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

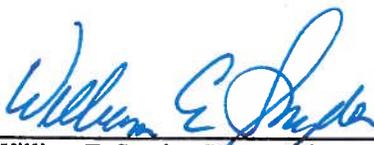
This project fits under the Class 4; §15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Categorical Exemption to CEQA. A Minor Alteration to Land is described as a "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes." This project as proposed constructs handlines and does not remove healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Depart has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emisisions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Bieber Fire Station located in Bieber, California.

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