



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Bald Hill Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	Legal Description: Township 18 North, Range 17 West, Section 32; Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian.	COUNTY	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project consists of a prescribed burn of a single unit of 21-acres of grass for wildfire training control purposes. The burn will take place on a private ranch located approximately 1-mile northeast of the city of Fort Bragg. The project will also benefit the landowner by controlling the spread of invasive medusa head grass. Firing of the unit will be conducted in a manner that allows firefighter trainees to utilize direct attack wildland firefighting techniques. An existing ranch road & wet line established on burn day will be utilized for perimeter fire control. The burning will be conducted during mid-summer when fine fuels are fully cured. Burning will be conducted on a permissive burn day, as determined by the local Air Quality Management District.

The use of standard prescribed burn techniques to ignite the unit, the establishment of fire control lines, and the presence of trained personnel & equipment on site during project implementation will minimize the potential for fire escape.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 4; 15304(a) Minor Alteration to 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

The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) was searched and no rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species were identified on the project site that will be negatively impacted by this project. The CAL FIRE Area Archaeologist has been consulted and has determined that this project is exempt from further archaeological review.

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 Department 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 emissions, 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 Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit, Resource Management, 17501 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490, Attn. Environmental Coordinator

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