



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Black Mountain Lookout Repair		
PROJECT LOCATION	This project is located in eastern Fresno on Black Mountain accessible from Highway 168 and Lodge Road. Further described as SW ¼ Section 34 T10S R23E MDB&M	COUNTY	Fresno
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Black Mountain lookout sits atop Black Mountain in eastern Fresno County at 3,400' elevation within the Foothill Woodland Plant community typical of the west side Sierra Nevada mountains. The lookout consists of two 169 ft² rooms, living quarters below and a cab on the top floor. This project proposes to renovate the rooms. Lookout cab will have the roof shingles, felt and sub roof replaced/repared where necessary. Two wood-framed windows in the living quarters and one wood framed window on the north side of the bathroom will be replaced, trimmed and painted. The cabs exterior wood frame door and frame will be replaced, and painted. Exterior door will have new lockset installed. Exterior wood paneling on the cab and living quarters shall be replaced with shiplap pine siding. This work includes all wood trim and building paper beneath the siding. All joints shall be caulked with a paintable, high-quality caulk. The existing plywood paneling on the south face of the interior of the cab that has dry-rotted due to precipitation leaking inside shall be replaced. Clear-finish wood preservative shall be applied to all interior wood paneling. Carpet, pad and pressboard damaged from moisture shall be replaced where necessary on both floors. Sub-floor shall be replaced or restored as necessary on both floors. Ceiling swelling damage due to moisture shall be replaced or repaired, sanded and painted on both floors. Departmental personnel will complete the work over a one-week period.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption · Type/Section: Class 1 15301 (c) Existing Facilities
- 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

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE staff 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. A Professional CALFIRE Archaeologist was consulted and there shall be no anticipated impacts to cultural resources. The project as proposed would not have a significant impact on the environment.

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