



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Boggs Mountain Helibase Concrete Pad Construction		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Boggs Mountain Helibase- Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit	<b>COUNTY</b>	Lake
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE has a helibase facility at the Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest in Cobb, CA. In September 2015, the Valley Fire destroyed two metal shipping containers that were used as storage boxes at the facility. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide funding to replace the storage boxes; one requirement of the agreement is to pave concrete pads on which to place the boxes. CAL FIRE is planning to pave three concrete pads at the facility: two pads for the storage boxes, and one pad to be used as recreational vehicle (RV) parking for visiting helicopter pilots. A septic tank and a 50 amp electrical service will be installed in conjunction with the RV pad. The pads for the storage boxes will be approximately 12' x 50' each, while the RV parking pad will be approximately 20' x 90'. The total paved area will be approximately 3,000 square feet. The size of the septic tank will be approximately 8'x4'x4' and, the associated leach lines will be approximately 200 ft long and will be buried approximately 18" deep. The area in which the pads will be constructed is highly disturbed from decades of use surrounding the buildings at the helibase. This project will not entail any tree removal, as all trees at the project site burned during the Valley Fire. The paving project is expected to take 14 days and will be completed by 8 people. Equipment used during the project will include a bulldozer, backhoe, concrete truck, stakeside and crew bus. A CAL FIRE hand crew from Konocti Conservation Camp will assist with the project.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: §15303 Class 3 New construction or conversion of small structures
- 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 portions of 14 CCR §15303, Class 3-- new construction or conversion of small structures. Field review by CAL FIRE staff has 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 LNU Unit Headquarters, 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena, Ca 94574.

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 Helge Eng, Deputy Director California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; margin-bottom: 5px;">9/9/16</div> Date
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