



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	CAL FIRE Dobbins Forest Fire Station Helipad Tree Removal and Safety Enhancement Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Dobbins Forest Fire Station	<b>COUNTY</b>	Yuba
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
The project consists of removing trees within the flight path of the Dobbins Forest Fire Station helipad. The objective of the project is to enhance the safety of rotary wing aircraft operations during emergency incident response. The project covers 1.7 acres and twenty mature trees that present a hazard to aircraft. The project will be completed using CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Crews. Ground disturbing equipment use will be very limited. No excavation, soil movement or grubbing is proposed under this project. Vegetative material created during tree removal will be disposed of by pile burning or chipping. Larger woody material will be either cut for firewood or moved to Washington Ridge Conservation camp. No commercial operations are planned and the project does not constitute conversion of timberland. The project will result in a slightly larger opening of the flight path which will be maintained as open space. No development, change in land use or enlargement of the helipad is proposed.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 15301 Existing Facilities  
15304 Minor Alterations 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))

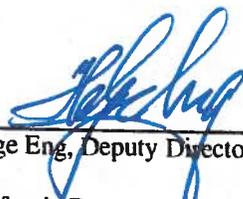
**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**  
This project fits under portions of Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class4 (Minor Alterations to Land). After completing an environmental assessment, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. Field review by CAL FIRE 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 the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

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