



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Humboldt-Del Norte Hazard Tree Removal		
PROJECT LOCATION	Four Locations within Humboldt and Del Norte Counties	COUNTY	Humboldt & Del Norte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the removal of hazard trees at four separate locations within the Humboldt-Del Norte CAL FIRE operational unit. Hazard trees have been identified at Crescent City fire station, Alder Conservation Camp, Elk Camp fire station, and Weott fire station. The hazard trees threaten public and CAL FIRE employee safety as well as critical infrastructure such as engine bays, a pump house, barracks, neighboring structures, public roadways, and power lines. This project will last no more than 1-3 days at each location. Personnel and equipment required may include a professional tree removal service and/or CALFIRE inmate crews, miscellaneous hand tools, chainsaws, a chipper, and a bucket truck. Hazard trees will be felled with chainsaws. Material shall be left in place, cut into firewood, chipped, or removed from the site.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1
15301(h) Maintenance of existing landscaping/native growth
- 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 within the descriptions of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pertaining to maintenance and repairs to existing landscaping and native growth. After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, CNDDB searches, and an archaeological assessment completed by a CAL FIRE archaeologist on 03/30/2016. All work to be performed under this exemption is maintenance to existing fire defense facilities to provide for public safety and protection of critical infrastructure. 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 following approval and implementation of this project. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE HUU Headquarters in Fortuna.

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