



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Hopland Research & Extension Center Prescribed Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	Legal Description: Township 14 North, Range 11 West, Section 33		
	Township 13 North, Range 11 West, Secs 3 & 4 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 approximately 51-acres of chaparral, in five separate units, for research and wildfire training control purposes. The burn will take place on the University of California Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources Hopland Research & Extension Center. UC personnel will conduct research on the interaction of browsing animals within and adjacent to burned/un-burned chaparral plots. Firing of these units will be conducted in a manner that allows firefighter trainees to utilize direct attack wildland firefighting techniques. Project activity includes establishing perimeter fire control lines utilizing hand tools. Existing roads will also be utilized for control lines. The burning will be conducted during the early spring / late fall - winter period when weather conditions permit safe & controllable burns. Burning will be conducted on a permissive burn day, as determined by the local Air Quality Management District.

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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