



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <b>PROJECT TITLE</b>    | Ishi Conservation Camp Water System Upgrade Project - AMENDMENT   |               |                |
| <b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> | State (CAL FIRE) owned Conservation Camp is located approximately twenty-five miles east of Red Bluff, CA. and three miles south of the community of Payne's Creek. The legal description of the project site is Section 5 and 6, Township 28N, Range 01E, MDBM | <b>COUNTY</b> | Tehama         |
| <b>LEAD AGENCY</b>      | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)  |               |                |
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**Project Description** The Tehama-Glenn Unit of CAL FIRE is proposing a water system upgrade project in eastern Tehama County, CA. The project will be located on the grounds of the Ishi Conservation Camp. The elevation is 2,000 feet. The project is located on flat slopes. Vegetation surrounding the property is open oak woodland. The project as proposed is to dig/drill up to two wells. Four sites have been proposed and the third and fourth site may not be needed, in the event water is located at the first and second proposed sites. Once water has been located, the wells will be capped and rock material will be put down over the existing soil. In the vicinity of the wells, a small (approximately 650 square feet) pump house will be constructed. Approximately 2500 feet to 4000 feet of trenches will be dug for new water lines to be placed in from each well to the well house and from the well house to the existing main water transportation line that leads to the existing storage tanks. The existing storage tanks (4) will be removed and one to two larger tanks placed in the location of the existing storage tanks and lastly if sufficient funds allow, a sewer line leading from center of camp up to the water tank site will be replaced. All four proposed well sites are within areas of the camp that have been subject to repeated ground disturbance. Lee Thomas from CAL FIRE Northern Region Technical Services and Scott Martin from CAL FIRE Ishi Conservation Camp will be coordinating work on the project. Work is planned to begin in mid-July 2016. An additional trench needs to be dug to include electrical lines from the new pump house building to the closest electrical hook up. This addition will disturb an additional 59 cubic feet. This trench will be approximately 350 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet. The first 50 feet from the Bus Barn will be above ground and the rest buried in the trench, (See attached Map).

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 §15303 (d) and (e) New Construction or Conversion of Small and 4 Structures & 15304 (c) and (f) 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 two classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (d) and (e) and Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (c) and (f). Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for the proposed well drilling, construction of pump house, digging of trenches and removal and replacement of water tanks. 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 on the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment.

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