



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	NE Mount Shasta Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project area is located in the north east portions of Mount Shasta City. Approximately 1/3 of the fuel break is located within the city limits. The remaining portions are located directly adjacent or within close proximity of city limits. Legal Description: Portions of Sections 9, 10, 11 & 14, T40N, R4W, MDBM	COUNTY	Siskiyou

LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will involve of the installation of a shaded fuel break, three miles in length, located approximately 350 feet on each side of a decommissioned railroad. The vegetation within the project area consists of a dense to moderately dense stand of mature Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, white fir, incense cedar, and black oak with dense amounts of brush species in the understory.

Fuel break installation will entail mastication in the undeveloped areas and the use of hand crews to cut, pile and chip or burn near residences. Burning will only be conducted during safe climatic conditions. Approximately 80% - 90% of the brush within the post project area will be removed. Chips will be spread on the ground, within the project area, in a relatively even distribution. Burn piles will be no larger than 6 feet in width and 6 feet in height and will be established a minimum distance of 10 feet from residual trees and 20 feet from residential structures. Dense patches of understory trees (8"DBH or less) may also be thinned to achieve 15 to 20 foot spacing, and all residual trees will be pruned to a height of 6 to 8 feet.

The project foot print is 256 acres in size, but only about 75 acres will receive treatment in the first phase of the project. Treatment will only be conducted in areas characterized by a moderate to heavy brush component and on parcels where the landowners have provided written permission.

No healthy, matures or scenic trees will be removed.

- EXEMPTION STATUS**
- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: **Class 4** **Pursuant to §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

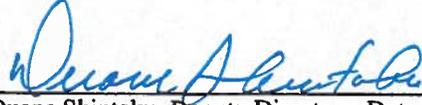
This project fits within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact 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 CALFIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters in Yreka, Attention Environmental Coordinator.



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