



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Morning Canyon Fuels Reduction and Evacuation Project; 14-SRA-HF-01-0171		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24 of T09N, R11E, MDBM, near the community of Somerset.	COUNTY	El Dorado
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a fuels reduction project encompassing a total area of approximately 59 acres of privately owned lands. Improved ingress and egress routes (30' on each side of the traveled roadways) will be constructed that will be contiguous to the fuels reduction project already completed by the Sandridge Fire Safe Council along Sandridge Road. No trees over 7 inches DBH will be cut. All work will be completed with use of hand labor. No equipment will be used with the exception of chain saws and a chipper. The chipper will be towed by a pickup truck. Chipping will occur on existing roads or open clear areas. Chips will be hauled off from the site or spread out along the ground at various locations along the treatment zones.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §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 the above-listed Class 4 Categorical Exemption listed in CEQA Guidelines §15304 pertaining to Minor Alterations to Land. 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's Amador-El Dorado Unit Headquarters in Camino, CA; Attention Environmental Coordinator.

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