NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Burney Community Fuelbreak		
PROJECT LOCATION	South of the community of Burney, CA Portions of sections 19, 29, 30 of T35N R30E M.D.M	**COUNTY**	Shasta
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), in cooperation with private landowners, is planning a 53 acre shaded fuelbreak south of the community of Burney, CA. The Burney Community Fuelbreak is a 2.2 mile long, 200' wide fuels reduction project on mixed conifer timberlands managed for timber production. Fuels reduction will focus on increasing understory discontinuity, and removal of ladder fuels. Activities covered by this project utilize hand crews to reduce fuels, and is not intended to cover or limit the landowner management activities.

Burney Community Fuelbreak runs west from the emergency firebreak created during the 2014 Eiler Fire along Jack Rabbit Flat Rd. approximately 200' wide to Hwy 299 East. Project fuels reduction and vegetation treatments consist of the reduction and/or rearrangement of vertical and horizontal fuels through the methods of hand cutting, cut/haul offsite, cut/pile/chip, cut/pile/burn, and lop and scatter. Timber understory varies from 2-10' tall deerbrush, manzanita, small conifers, oaks, and other brush species.

Historically area fires are typically driven by southwest winds. This shaded fuelbreak will provide a critical fuels reduction southwest of the communities of Burney, and Johnson Park. Establishment of the fuelbreak is a top priority for the CAL FIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit Vegetation Management Program. Project implementation is planned for 2015/2016.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] 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

Field review has 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 Shasta-Trinity Unit HQ.

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