



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Butte Fire Center Renovation Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	6640 Steiffer Road, Magalia, CA 95954. West of Paradise Lake. Section 13, T23N, R3E; MDB & M	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves renovation of the Butte Fire Center for California Conservation Corps and CAL FIRE use. All work will be conducted within the existing developed and previously-modified areas of the parcel. The total area calculated for soil disturbance is 0.7 acre over approximately 3 acres. The project will include several actions. The septic system will be replaced. Replacement activities will include excavating and trenching, installing a 15,000-gallon concrete septic tank, a 2-pump sewage lift station, and approximately 7,000 feet of leach field trenches, backfilling excavated and trenched areas, repairing disturbed asphalt areas and sidewalks, and destroying the existing septic tank. The main potable water supply-line will be replaced. Replacement activities will include trenching, installing new water supply-line and backfilling trenched areas. The Fire Center Administration Building will be renovated. Renovation activities will include replacing some exterior siding, removing asbestos flooring, installing new flooring, replacing doors and cabinets, and painting. Bedrooms in the Bachelor Officer's Quarters will be converted to office space, and exterior repairs will occur. Conversion and repair activities will include removing asbestos flooring, installing new flooring, replacing doors and cabinets, painting, and replacing some exterior siding. A residence building will be renovated. Renovation activities will include installing new flooring, replacing doors, painting, and replacing some exterior siding. The dormitory will be renovated. Renovation activities will include installing new flooring, replacing doors and painting, and it may include installing a sprinkler system. Two diesel-powered backhoes and two diesel-powered front loaders and five CAL FIRE Technical Services staff members will be required to complete the work. The project will commence in the latter half of September 2015 and will likely be completed by June 2016. Work will be intermittent, as weather allows.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 2 15301 Existing Facilities
15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- 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 minor vegetation and soil disturbance resulting from this project is compatible with land use practices and values associated with an existing CAL FIRE hand crew camp, as well as occurring wholly within the footprint of an existing facility. A search of the CNDDB did not identify any rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species within or adjacent to the work area that could be negatively impacted by this project. Additionally, site survey and evaluation for both biological and cultural resources has been done by a CAL FIRE registered professional forester and archaeologist, with results indicating no presence or negative impact to these resources. Review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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 or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Further information related to this project can be obtained from CAL FIRE Butte Unit, Resource Management, 176 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, CA 95954, Attn. Environmental Coordinator.

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