



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Peterson Fuel Break Modification

PROJECT LOCATION Sections 16, 21, 22, 26 & 27, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, MDB&M; Shaver Lake, California 7.5 minute quadrangle

COUNTY Fresno

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This existing fuel break is located at the 4,000' level of the southern Sierra Nevada of eastern Fresno County near the community of Pine Ridge. This 185 acre project is defined as 200' on both sides of Peterson Road. The mixed conifer overstory comprised of 90% ponderosa pine has sustained up to 100% mortality in select locations. Understory maintenance and dead tree removal shall be performed to restore fuel break viability. Tree boles shall be limbed, bucked, and decked for land owners non-commercial use or for disposal. Understory maintenance and slash resulting from tree felling shall be chipped, masticated, or pile burned by hand or tractor.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 15304 Minor Alteration 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 is exempt under CEQA Categorical Exemption 15304 Minor Alterations to Land. A search of the California Natural Diversity

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 Fresno Kings Unit Headquarters (Attention: Environmental Coordinator) in Sanger, CA. This project as proposed shall not have a significant impact on the environment.

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Helge Eng, Deputy Director Date 4/22/16
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