



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Defensible Space Fuel Treatment		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sections 8-11, 13-17, 19-23, 26-30, T2N, R3W, SBBM	COUNTY	San Bernardino County
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area includes Lake Arrowhead, Cedar Glen, Blue Jay, Twin Peaks, Rimforest, Skyforest, and surrounding communities that are part of the Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council (ACFSC). These areas consist of mixed conifer/hardwood forests and brush species. The elevation ranges from approximately 5,200 to 6,000 feet. The project consists of chipping woody debris in order to assist private landowners dispose of cut vegetation to meet defensible space requirements (PRC 4291). The project will help to reduce the community's risk associated with wildfire by helping property owners with habitable structures start the initial push to play an active role in reducing hazardous fuels. The ACFSC will schedule "chipper days" for homeowners to take the vegetation they generate to create defensible space to the curbside to be chipped back onto the property or chipped into a truck and hauled away. The chipper will stay on existing roads. It is estimated that approximately 125 property owners will participate in the project totaling approximately 25 treated acres annually.

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

15304 (i): Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions. Field review by Tim Morin, RPF 2505, 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 will 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, populations 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 BDU Headquarters in San Bernardino.

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