



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Eagle Rock Fire Lookout Station Demolition

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**PROJECT LOCATION** T9S, R3W, SEC16, MDBM **COUNTY** Santa Cruz

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**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project involves the demolition of the Eagle Rock Fire Lookout Station (ERFLS) and appurtenant facilities by the CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit due to its poor condition and public safety hazard. The project will consist of the demolition and removal of the Eagle Rock Fire Lookout Station, initially with a backhoe and subsequently with hand labor. The structure is located on a small parcel of CAL FIRE property (1 acre) directly adjacent to Big Basin Redwoods State Park. It is at the end of Eagle Rock Road (6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile) off of Empire Grade Road, in Santa Cruz County at an elevation of 2491 ft. There is an abandoned pit toilet with a small structure covering it, a flag pole, foundation remains of a weather station, a U.S. Coast Guard Survey Monument, as well as a radio transmitter with a small cinder block out building owned by CAL FIRE (not historic) and leased to State Parks. The project will demolish and remove the entire wooden structure of the ERFLS, the latrine structure, the concrete foundations, the flag pole, and the remains of the weather station. The ERFLS is an unsound and uninhabitable structure that is a target for vandalism. The pit toilet will be filled with locally sourced pea gravel. There is no gas or water lines on site. The electricity line attached to the lookout will be transferred to the existing adjacent radio repeater site. There are no known hazardous materials on site.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 §15300 Existing Structures
- 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 work proposed is the demolition and removal of a small individual building which is a commercial structure designed for an occupant load of 30 persons or less consistent with Categorical Exemption Class 1- Existing Structures CCR 15301.3 (1). This project involves no expansion to the existing use of the facility.

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 San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING**



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