NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Greeley Fire Control Road Project 2013		
PROJECT LOCATION	Within portions of Sections 8, 9, 16, 17, and 20 in T14S, R27E MDBM, near the town of Miramonte.	**COUNTY**	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Greely Fire Control Road Project involves making repairs and maintenance of an existing fire control road including actions to repair or replace culverts and road drainage structures. Culverts will be replaced only when the channel is dry. Culverts on active flowing streams will not be replaced under this Notice of Exemption. The project encompasses 51 acres. In addition, vegetation within a 100-foot strip along both sides of the roadway will be treated to reduce fuels. Brush and trees will be selectively removed with chainsaws to eliminate vegetation encroaching into the roadway, remove existing fuel ladders, and to provide crown separation for overstory vegetation. Trees greater than nine inches DBH are not targeted for treatment but may be removed where a danger to firefighter or public safety, or a threat to property or infrastructure exists. Vegetation removed shall be chipped or piled and burned onsite. Residual vegetation shall be spaced no less than 20 feet apart.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4 — 15301 (c) Existing Facilities; 15304 (f) 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

This project fits within portions of the two above-listed Categorical Exemptions to CEQA pertaining to repairs of existing public facilities and minor alterations to land. The project was designed to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. The project area researched and field surveyed to assess the existing environmental setting and potential impacts that could result following project implementation. 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 following approval and implementation of this project. Documentation of the environmental review conducted by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Fresno-Kings Unit Headquarters (Attention: Environmental Coordinator) in Sanger, California. The project as proposed shall not have a significant impact on the environment.

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