NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Shakespeare Mastication		
PROJECT LOCATION	Yuba County APN: 050-020-003-000 Located in Section 10, T., 19 N., R. 6 E., MDBM	**COUNTY**	Yuba
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area consists of 130 acres of brush and tree covered timberland between 2600' and 3000' elevation. The aspect faces south and slopes average 15%. The project area drains into New York Creek, tributary to the Yuba River above New Bullards Bar Reservoir. The timber stand is primarily mixed conifer with brush and small tress in the understory. Forest management has occurred on site for over 50 years. The project is an understory treatment limited to mastication of brush and small trees with follow-up hand work using chainsaws and hand tools if required. Trees greater than 10 inches DBH will not be removed. The intent is to masticate the smaller trees and brush on the entire 130 acre project area except protection zones associated with various resources designated in an approved THP (2-10-064-YUB(3)) for the project area. The environmental analysis of the approved THP was used to determine the potential impacts of this project.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 – 14 CCR§ 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

14CCR§15304, ***Minor Alteration to Land.*** **The project involves using a masticator and hand crews to clear brush and ladder fuels on and adjacent to a ridgeline and roadways. Soil disturbance shall not occur and the masticated material shall be left on site as mulch for erosion control.**

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 NEU Headquarters in Auburn, California.

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