

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Feather River Resource Conservation District
PO Box 3562, Quincy CA 95971

(Address)

County Clerk / County of Plumas
520 Main Street
Quincy CA 95971

Project Title: Forestry Camp Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Project Location – Specific:

T23N, R8E, sections 1-5, 7-20 and 22-24; T23N, R9E, sections 1-10 and 15-19; T23N, R10E, sections 4, 5, 8-10, 15 and 16; T24N, R8E, sections 13, 14, 23-28 and 32-36; T24N, R9E, sections 17-36; and T24N, R10E, sections 28-33 Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM)

Project Location - City: Quincy **Project Location - County:** Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Claremont Fuels Reduction Project will reduce the risk of loss of life, property, and natural resources to wildfire on Plumas National Forest lands implement strategic fuel reduction, near the communities of Quincy, East Quincy, and Meadow Valley. The project will also engage in fuels reduction treatments including mechanical thinning, hand thinning, hand and machine piling, chipping, mastication, and prescribed fire to meet the desired conditions of resilient forest structure. The project will follow standard best management practices including protection of watercourses, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and other natural resource protection.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resource Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on private lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA through review of the project Decision Memos and supporting specialist's reports by the Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District. The Decision Memo for the Claremont Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project was signed April 7th 2023.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michael Hall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 927-5299

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project: Yes No

Signature: Julie Higwood Date: 8/21/2023 Title: District Manager
 Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

I hereby certify that from 8-21-23 to 9-19-23 I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the office of the

Plumas County Clerk (30 days). By Julie Higwood (signature) on AUG 21 2023.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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