

# 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

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

Project Title: Plumas Prescribed Fire Preparation Project – Butterfly Valley

Project Applicant: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Project Location – Specific: The project is located on private single-family residential or vacant lot land in Butterfly Valley, Plumas County, California, which is 5 miles north of Quincy, California.

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Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Plumas

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project is a hazardous fuels reduction project in the Butterfly Valley community, which is North of Quincy, California. The project will utilize hand thinning, piling, and burning to reduce fuel loads on at least 70 acres and no more than 150 acres of private land within the WUI. The project would remove trees and ladder fuels up to 16" DBH. Material would be disposed of through piling and burning, or broadcast chipping. The project will follow standard best management practices including protection of watercourses, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and other natural resource protection. Hardwood species, trees and snags with evidence of nesting or roosting by rare / threatened / endangered species will be retained. Stocking standards shall adhere to the minimum acceptable stocking standards defined in the California Forest Practice Rules, all material shall be burned on site. The project will reduce wildfire risk to surrounding communities through fuels reduction.

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: 15304; Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project is located on privately owned lands and fits under Categorical Exemption; 15304 Minor Alterations to the Land (Class 4), which allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species or cause significant erosion and sedimentation in water. Trees targeted for removal and pruning of residual trees will be restricted to those that reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, and/or provide for improved ingress/egress in the event of wildfire. The proposed project has been designed to protect resources from potential significant impacts. This project, as designed, is consistent with the use of a Categorical Exemption.

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: [Signature] Date: 1/9/2023 Title: District Manager

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

**Certificate of Posting**

I hereby certify that from 01/10/2023 to 02/14/2023 (30 days), I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the Office of the Plumas County Clerk

By: [Signature] Date: 01/10/2023  
Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk Deputy

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