

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 Plumas

520 Main Street

Quincy CA, 95971

Project Title: Plumas Disadvantaged Communities

Project Applicant: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Project Location – Specific:

T25N, R9E, S22, 26, 27, 34, 35 MDBM; T24N, R9E, S1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24 MDBM; T24N, R10E, S6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29 MDBM; T23N, R10E, S9 MDBM

Project Location - City: Quincy, East Quincy, Keddie

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will complete 964 acres of fuels reduction treatments on private lands within the communities of Quincy, East Quincy, Keddie. The project goals are to 1) reduce the extent of hazardous fuel loading on unburned sites with excessive stand density targeting conifer species 10" or less, and 2) restore of forest stand structure and function through the removal of standing and downed dead woody debris 5" DBH and greater within the burned units. Treatment methodologies utilized to achieve these goals include 60.7 acres of grapple piling and burning, 159.9 acres of pile burning, 15.3 acres of hand thinning with broadcast chipping, and 675 acres of mechanical mastication. Hazardous fuel reduction activities will reduce the horizontal and vertical continuity of upland conifer and brush species in effort to reduce hazardous fuel loading and arrangement in unburned treatment units such that the flame length, intensity, rate of spread, and duration of potential wildfire is reduced.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas County Firesafe Council

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: Class 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits under the following class of Categorical Exemption: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land 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 of waters. Brush targeted for mastication and hand removal of small diameter conifers and upland brush paired with pile burning or chipping will be restricted to those that reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels. The proposed project has been designed to protect hydrology and water and soil resources to prevent significant erosion or sedimentation of waters. The 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 ex. 104

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: 8/21/2023 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 8-21-23 to 9-19-23 (30 Days), I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the Office of the Plumas County Clerk

By [Signature]

Date: 8-21-2023

Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk/ Deputy



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