

# Notice of Exemption

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

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520 Main Street

Quincy, CA 95971

**Project Title:** Meadow Valley Fuel Reduction and Spanish Ranch Underburn

**Project Applicant:** Plumas County Fire Safe Council

**Project Location - Specific:**

T24N, R08E, S3,10,11,14,15,22, MDBM

**Project Location - City:** Meadow Valley

**Project Location - County:** Plumas

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

The project proposes 186 acres of hazardous fuels reduction upon private lands within the community of Meadow Valley, and a combined total of 950 acres of underburning adjacent to Meadow Valley (760 acres on federal lands, 190 acres on private lands). The objectives of the project are to 1) reduce the amount of hazardous fuels on public land adjacent to the private land, 2) reduce hazardous fuels loading and arrangement upon private lands within the community, and 3) provide connectivity to existing and planned fuels treatments.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

Feather River Resource Conservation District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Plumas County Fire Safe 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: Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

An Environmental Review Report was completed for fuels reduction planned upon private lands concluding that project implementation, as designed, would have less than significant impact in each resource area. CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal 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. Cal Fire has provided funding through the Forest Health Grants Program for underburning upon 760 acres of federal land within the Plumas National Forest. The federal portion of the proposed project was reviewed by in its entirety under NEPA, which such review covers that required by the California Environmental Policy Act pursuant to Public Resources Code § 4799.05(d)(1)(A) and is so stated in a memorandum from Cal Fire dated July, 1 2019.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brad Graevs

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**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: 

Date: 9/9/19

Title: District Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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

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