

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012052019

Project Title: Indian Creek Sediment Reduction Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-68149-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 11.75 miles northwest of the town of Leggett, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Sections 20, 28, 29, and 32, T5S, R3E, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Piercy U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 052-010-10, 052-010-11, 052-020-02, 052-020-04, 052-030-06, and 052-030-07; latitude 39.99389 N and longitude 123.86590 W at the first stream crossing (85).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MEN-68149-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Karen Youngblood, representing Redwood Forest Foundation.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on June 10, 2026. The Project is limited to 24 encroachments to upgrade existing stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing crossing structures, replacement with new properly sized culverts or armored fill crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion, and implement hydrologic disconnection techniques as needed. All-terrain vehicles shall be used in wet conditions in accordance with Redwood Forest Foundation road-use requirements.

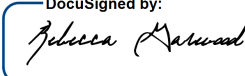
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 2, 2026, and has made the following determinations

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regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the **Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: 

Date: 9/14/2026

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: