

Notice of Exemption**To:**

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Region 1 - Northern
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State Clearinghouse Number:

Project Title: Cottonwood Creek Accelerated Wood Recruitment Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0122-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Cottonwood Creek, a tributary to Klamath River in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Latitude 41.962099 degrees North, Longitude -122.623806 degrees West; Nearest town is Hilt, California; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 006-250-420.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0122-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Michigan-California Timber Company.

The project is limited to a total project area of approximately 0.532 acres and 240 linear feet to enhance a 3,200-foot long reach on Cottonwood Creek. The project will include placing up to 40 live creek-side Douglas-fir and Ponderosa pine trees into the creek. All trees will be felled within 80 feet of the creek and with diameters between 14 and 30 inches at breast height. No more than five trees will be felled inside a small floodplain on river left at the upstream end of the project reach. Trees identified for bank stabilization will not be felled. All work will be done by hand crews and positioned using a block and tackle pulley system to create up to ten logjams of two to six logs each. Heavy equipment will not enter project area and access will be done on foot. Work will be under the direction of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Michigan-California Timber Company

Exempt Status:

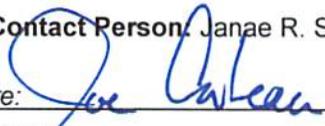
Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 33; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15333.**

Small habitat restoration projects not exceeding five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

Reasons why project is exempt: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration projects.

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