

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):

Project Title: Lake of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2021-0004-R1 for Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-20-00218 MEN, "Russell Brook".

Project Location: The project is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Willits in Mendocino County on unnamed tributaries to Russell Brook, tributary to Big River, and unnamed tributaries to Big River. The project is located in Section(s) 24, 25, 26, and 36, Township (T) 17N, Range (R) 15W; Section(s) 19, 20, 29, and 30, T17N R14W; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Greenough Ridge and Comptche, California, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle(s).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is issuing an agreement to modify existing crossings on Class II and Class III watercourses and draft water from a Class I watercourse.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency / a Responsible Agency approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will / will not have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
 2. An environmental impact report / A negative declaration / A timber harvesting plan / nonindustrial timber management plan was prepared for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
 3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
 4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
 5. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW adopted findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
 6. Payment is not required due to provisions of Public Resources Code §4629.6 (c).
- Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.
- Responsible Agency statement: The final EIR, Negative Declaration or THP/NTMP that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's CEQA Findings are available at the Eureka CDFW office located at 619 Second Street, Eureka, California, 95501.

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Date: 3/30/2022

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Northern Region, Department of Fish and Wildlife

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