



HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Salmon Creek Ingress/Egress Fuels Reduction Project
Project Location – Specific: Miranda, CA
Project Location – County: Humboldt County

Lead Agency: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
Lead Person: Jill Demers **Email:** jill@hcrd.org **Telephone:** 707-442-6058 x5

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will improve ingress and egress safety, reduce wildfire risk, and aid in suppression activities through reducing hazardous vegetation and conducting minor road improvements along 84.4 miles of strategic access routes to reduce the likelihood that life or property will be lost in the case of wildfire. Treatments will vary based on conditions present and location and specific objectives but will generally include removing excess vegetation, including brush and trees up to 8-inch diameter, to increase horizontal spacing and eliminate vertical continuity of fuels, and pruning retained trees to provide a vertical clearance up to 15 feet. Roadside fuels reduction will occur up to 100 feet from either side of the road. Woody materials will be chipped, pile burned, or otherwise disposed of in a manner that does not create fire hazards. Minor road improvements may include road grading, installation or removal of water bars or rolling dips, installation of emergency route signs, and placement of gravel. Any use of ground disturbing equipment or activities will be confined to the existing road prism and other areas subject to previous disturbance.

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 1 and 4; 15301 Existing Facilities, 15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

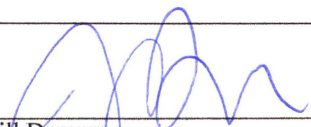
This projects fits under portions of Categorical Exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act:

Class 1- Existing Facilities. This includes treatment areas where vegetation removal and minor road repairs will be conducted to maintain fuel breaks, fire roads, and road corridors.

Class 4- Minor Alterations to Land. This includes minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. These treatments have negligible or no permanent effects on the landscape and will not result in the taking of rare, endangered or threatened species of plants or animals.

Review by Humboldt County Resource Conservation District staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Date Received / Posted Through

 7/30/2024

Jill Demers Date
Executive Director
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District