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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: Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS No. 56566 for Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-24-00181-HUM.

Project Location: The project is located approximately 0.1 air-miles north of Yager Junction, California in Humboldt County on the South Fork of Yager Creek, unnamed tributaries to South Fork of Yager Creek, Middle Fork of Yager Creek, Humphrey Creek and Dairy Creek which are all tributaries to the Van Duzen River. The project is located in portions of Sections 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, and 15, Township 2N, Range 3 E; Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Yager Creek, California, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is issuing an agreement to reconstruct rock armored fill crossings, install permanent culvert crossing, reconstruct rock armored fords, and install and remove temporary crossings.
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.

Signature: Signed by: Richard Klug B8B574D8EE29405... *Date:* 2/13/2025

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