

Notice of Exemption

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: Middle Creek Instream & Flood Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Location: 41.85835° N, 123.0329° W

Project Location – City: Horse Creek

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Project: This project will produce an approximately 1,200 square foot off-channel rearing pond that will connect to the primary channel on the east bank of Middle Creek, install 15 beaver dam analog (BDA) structures within the stream channel and side channel, install 25 engineered wood structures strategically placed instream and throughout the floodplain, remove a low berm that is restricting floodplain connectivity and revegetate all disturbed soils with a diversity of native plants.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rachel Krasner, Mid Klamath Watershed Council

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption; Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: The objectives of this Project are to create no-flow and low flow winter rearing habitat for juvenile coho salmon and to enhance spawning habitat for adults coho in Middle Creek, a tributary of Horse Creek along the Klamath River. This Project meets the eligibility requirements of section 15333.

Lead Agency Contact: Jake Shannon

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: JAKE SHANNON

Date: May 16, 2025

Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____