



Tehama
Sean Houghtby, Clerk-Recorder
633 Washington Street
Room 11
Red Bluff, CA 96080
(530) 527-3350

Receipt: 25-6904

| Product | Name | Extended |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| CEQA | CEQA FISH AND WILDLIFE | \$50.00 |
| | # Pages | 3 |
| | Document # | 52-06182025-033 |
| | Document Info: | RCD OF TEHAMA COUNTY |
| | Filing Type | NOE |
| | State Fee Prev Charged | false |
| | No Charge Clerk Fee | false |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total | | \$50.00 |
| Tender (On Account) | | \$50.00 |
| Account # | VTI | |
| Account Name | VITAL CHEK | |

Thank you!



**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

| |
|--|
| RECEIPT NUMBER: 52-06182025-033/21 |
| STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable) |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| LEAD AGENCY RCD OF TEHAMA COUNTY | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE 06/18/2025 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING TEHAMA | DOCUMENT NUMBER 52-06182025-033 | |

PROJECT TITLE
WEST LASSEN HEADWATERS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME RCD OF TEHAMA COUNTY | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER () (530) 727-1280 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 202 WALNUT ST | CITY RED BLUFF | STATE CA |
| | | ZIP CODE 96080 |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other **TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$50.00**

| | |
|---------------|--|
| SIGNATURE | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Ariana Zepeda, Deputy County Clerk/Recorder |
|---------------|--|

Notice of Exemption

To: X Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: RCD of Tehama County
202 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, CA. 96080

□ County Clerk
County of Red Bluff
633 Washington Street, Room 111
Red Bluff, CA. 96080

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION AND EMERGENCY ACTION

Lassen National Forest – West Lassen Headwaters Landscape Restoration

1. Introduction and Purpose

This document provides notice of an emergency fuels reduction treatment initiated by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) under the authority of 36 CFR 220.4(b)(2), in response to imminent wildfire risks near the community of Mineral, California, and the broader forest health objectives across the Lassen National Forest (LNF) and Tehama County. The emergency treatments aim to mitigate wildfire threats prior to the completion of the full Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the West Lassen Headwaters Landscape Restoration Project (WLHP).

2. Background and Rationale

Recent large wildfires—most notably the Dixie Fire (2021) and the Park Fire (2024)—have underscored the urgent need for fuels reduction to protect communities and natural resources. The Park Fire burned over 429,603 acres, with more than 113,744 acres within the Lassen National Forest boundaries and posed an immediate threat to the Mineral community due to its high potential for extreme fire behavior and rapid spread.

The emergency treatments are designed to reduce wildfire risk in critical areas, especially around Mineral, by creating defensible space and strategic fuel breaks along key forest roads and private property boundaries.

3. Project Location and Roads

A. Community Protection Area near Mineral, CA

Location: Surrounding the town of Mineral, within the western Lassen National Forest.

Size: Approximately 1,102 acres of federal lands within 500 feet of private property boundaries, designated as “Non-FS Ownership Fuel Breaks.”

Objective: To create defensible space around Mineral by reducing surface and ladder fuels through mechanical thinning.

Locations involved:

T27N R2E SEC 35
T28N R3E SEC 2
T29N R3E SEC 35
T29N R3E SEC 36

B. Fuel Break Development along Forest Roads (Fire Management Routes)

Location: Along strategic forest roads and designated fire management routes within the WLHP area.

Size: Approximately 2,384 acres.

Roads involved:

28N70: 3.6 miles
29N11: 0.2 miles
29N14Y: 1.0 miles
29N22: 2.9 miles
29N22A: 0.2 miles

FILED

21 JUN 18 2025

SEAN HOUGHTBY
TEHAMA COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
BY *Arana Repetto*

8. Conclusion and Recommendations

Given the imminent wildfire threat, especially surrounding Mineral, and the minimal environmental risks associated with the proposed design features, it is recommended to proceed with the emergency fuels reduction treatments as outlined.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Tehama

County Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Resource Conservation District of

Tehama County Exempt Status: *(Check One)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(6)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304. Minor Alterations of Lands
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: 4799.05(d)(1)

9. Reasons why project is exempt:

Per 4799.05(d)(1) of the California Code, CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands that reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under provisions established in the National Environmental Protection Act. This exemption is contingent upon whether the primary role of a state or local agency is to provide funding or staffing for such projects.

The West Lassen Headwaters Landscape Restoration Project scope of work described under **Proposed Emergency Treatments** shown above meets the conditions of **California Code 4799.05(d)(1)** in that those portions of the project area located on Lassen National Forest lands have been analyzed under US Forest Service environment analysis processes as described in a NEPA Environmental Assessment document and USFS Decision Memo prepared for each project component described above.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jon Barrett **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530-727-1280 Ext: 103

If filed by applicant:

- 1) Attached certified document of exemption finding.
- 2) Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes

Signature: _____

Date: 6/17/2025

Title: Project Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: