

# Notice of Exemption

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**From:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Project Title:** SRNF Klamath Mountain Meadows Restoration Project  
**Project Location - Specific:** 41.494381° N, 123.429058° W; 41.50567° N, 123.36745° W;  
41.513097° N, 123.427903° W; 41.52807° N, 123.37716° W

**Project Location - City:** Somes Bar

**Project Location - County:** Humboldt

**Description of Project:** This Project aims to restore impaired meadows in the Klamath Mountains through implementation of low-tech process-based restoration (LTPBR) techniques. The prescribed LTPBR techniques include constructing post-assisted wood structures (PAWS) and beaver dam analogs (BDAs) in incised stream channels to prevent further erosion and encourage aggradation, improving hydrologic connectivity and ground water retention. These structures will also help in drowning out encroaching conifers that have been able to grow within the meadows due to lower groundwater tables caused by stream incision. PAWs and BDAs will be constructed using rocks, logs, small woody debris, and native herbaceous vegetation material sourced from on site. Construction will use hand tools and manual labor. The materials will be harvested throughout the larger meadows area to minimize impacts at each site. Additionally, the structures that are channel spanning and taller in nature will also assist in slowing the migration and spread of non-native eastern brook trout that are present in most of the meadow streams.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** U.S. Forest Service, Six Rivers National Forest

**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; State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This Project will restore impaired meadows in the Klamath Mountains through the implementation of low-tech process-based restoration techniques and does not exceed five acres in total project size.

**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:** June 26, 2025 **Title:** Sr. Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

- Signed by Lead Agency
  - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_