

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PROJECT TITLE	Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office, "Larabee Valley Forest Health & Resiliency Project"		
PROJECT LOCATION	Butte Creek Road off California Highway 36 and Larabee Buttes off Highway 36	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Bureau of Land Management to conduct manual and mechanical fuel reduction activities to improve forest health and resilience on up to 889 acres on the Butte Creek and Larabee Buttes parcels managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Humboldt County. Treatments include mechanical and manual thinning, piling, and prescribed burning. These treatments are expected to reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under the Butte Creek and Larabee Buttes Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Fire Resiliency Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Fuels Breaks Categorical Exclusion Review and Decision Record (DOI-BLM-CA-N030-2023-0011-CX), signed February 14, 2023.

The NEPA record of project approval is available to the General Public at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023259/510>

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