

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

410 Jones St, STE C-3

County Clerk

Ukiah, CA 95482

County of: MENDOCINO

(Address)

501 Low Gap Road

Ukiah, CA 95482

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Chris Bennett

Project Applicant: Chris Bennett

Project Location - Specific:

APN: 151-230-04, Section 20 & 21, T16N R13W

Project Location - City: Ukiah

Project Location - County: MENDOCINO

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approximately 5.8 acres are to be treated. **Unit 1 (Mixed Hardwood - 2.6 acres): **Objective: Increase stand health and resilience by reducing competition among small diameter trees. Recommended: Remove 100% of trees <4" DBH, thin 4-8" DBH trees to 18-foot spacing. Slash to be piled and burned. **Unit 2 (Oak Woodland - 1.4 acres): ** Objective: Enhance stand resilience, reduce fuels, and promote native deciduous oaks. Recommended: Remove 100% of Douglas-fir <4" DBH, 80% of Pacific madrone <4" DBH, 80% of Douglas-fir 4-8" DBH, prune all to 10 feet, target 100-125 trees per acre. Slash to be piled and burned. **Unit 3 (Oak Woodland - 1.3 acres):** Objective: Enhance resilience, reduce fuels, and support native deciduous oaks. Recommended: Remove 100% of Douglas-fir <4" DBH, 80% of Douglas-fir 4-8" DBH, prune all to 6 feet, target 100-125 trees per acre. Slash to be piled and burned. **Unit 4 (Roadside Fuel Break - 0.5 acres):** Objective: Extend a roadside fuel break, clearing shrubs and small Douglas-fir trees. Recommended: Remove 100% of shrubs, Douglas-fir <4" DBH, prune all to 10 feet. Slash to be piled and burned.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Bennett

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15304: Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in PRC§753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for impacts that are, at most, less than significant to the environment, having provided adequate measures for avoidance of sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Adam Coleman

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 462-3664 Ext. 1

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: Ned Formaker

Date: 6/18/2025

Title: Forestry Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

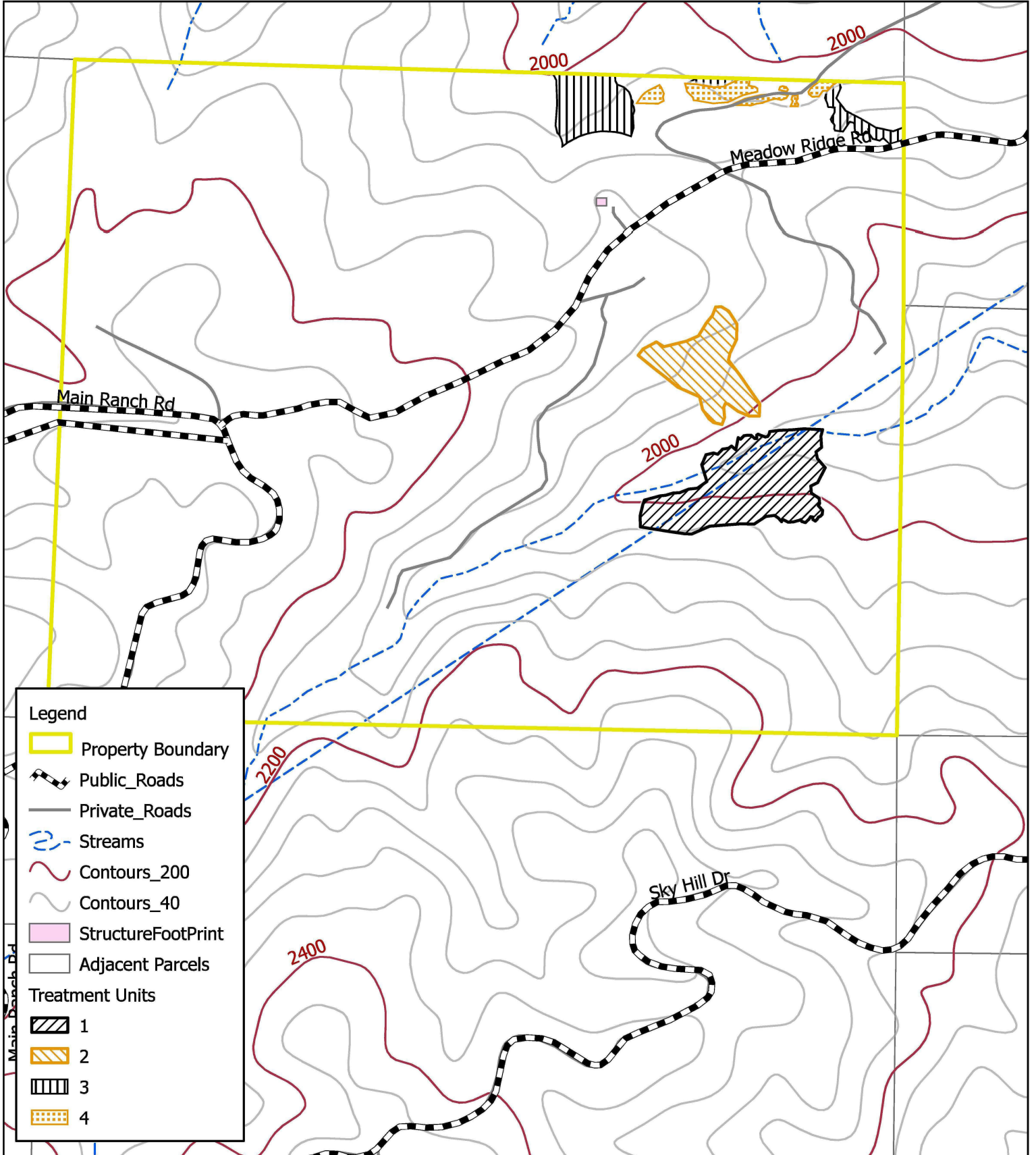
9700 Chickenfoot Road

Client: Chris Bennet

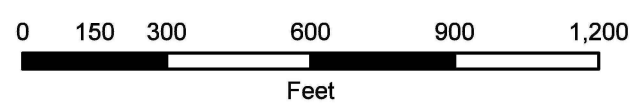
Property Size: 120 acres

Location: Ukiah

Map: PROPERTY



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