

Notice of Determination

TO: Office of Planning and Research

FROM: Department of Fish and Wildlife
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LEAD AGENCY (if different from above):
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to § 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):

Project Title: Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-60867-R1 for THP 1-20-00028 MEN "Archer Ranch".

Project Location: The project is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Covelo in Mendocino County, unnamed tributaries of the Mud Creek and Alder Creek tributaries to the Middle Fork Eel River, unnamed tributaries to Asbill Creek tributary to North Fork Eel River, unnamed tributaries to Tin Cabin Creek tributary to the South Fork Eel River. The project is located in Section 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, & 20 Township 24, Range 13; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Mina and Covelo West U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is issuing an agreement for the modification of Class II and Class III watercourses at road crossings, and water diversion from a ponded Class II watercourse.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency / a Responsible Agency approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will / will not have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
2. An environmental impact report / A negative declaration / A Timber Harvesting Plan was prepared for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW adopted findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement of Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - Payment is not required due to provisions of Public Resources Code §4629.6 (c).
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.
 - A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by CDFW is attached to this notice.

Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.

Responsible Agency statement: The final EIR, Negative Declaration or THP/NTMP that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's CEQA Findings are available at the Eureka CDFW office located at 619 Second Street, Eureka, California, 95501.

DocuSigned by:
Jon Hendrix
Signature: _____

Date: 7/28/2025

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Northern Region, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Date Received for filing at OPR: