

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Fort Hunter Liggett Broadcast Burn Assist		
PROJECT LOCATION	Fort Hunter Liggett	COUNTY	Monterey
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The U.S Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett proposes to request assistance from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to perform prescribed burns within approximately 162,000 acres of Fort Hunter Liggett. The prescribed burn will aim to reduce invasive species, reduce wildfire fuels, enhance the existing oak woodland habitat, and reduce wildland fire starts from military training activities. The prescribed burn would occur annually between late spring and fall maximize effectiveness. Approximate timing of the burn is dependent on fuel type, weather conditions and prescription burn requirements as identified in the final Burn Plan.

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

The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. All Fort Hunter Liggett Burn Assist project activities are included in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan/Environmental Assessment for Fort Hunter Liggett signed in 2012. Based on the results of the Environmental Assessment it was determined that implementation of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan at Fort Hunter Liggett would have no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment.

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 Mike Van Loben Sels, Southern Region Chief 8/11/2025
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