

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Intertribal Ecocultural Restoration Crew and Land Guardianship Program		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Four tribally owned (fee-title) properties located in the Sierra Nevada Foothills in both El Dorado and Placer Counties. Nearest towns include Foresthill, Rescue, and Shingle Springs.	<b>COUNTY</b>	El Dorado & Placer
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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<b>PROJECT PROPONENT</b>	Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe of the Colfax Rancheria and Koy’o Land Conservancy		
<b>PROJECT PROPONENT CONTACT</b>	Pamela Cubbler, CFO/Tribal Vice Chairwoman PO Box 4884, Auburn, CA 95604 pcubbler@colfaxrancheria.com	<b>PHONE</b>	530-320-3943

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

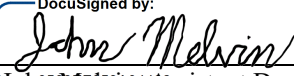
CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe of the Colfax Rancheria and Koy’o Land Conservancy to implement the Intertribal Ecocultural Restoration Crew and Land Guardianship Program (Project) on approximately 348 acres across four non-contingent tribally owned properties in El Dorado and Placer Counties. Treatments include manual fuel reduction, prescribed burning, including cultural, broadcast, and pile burning, and eco-cultural revitalization to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife. These treatments also aim to serve California Native American Tribes and advance wildfire resilience, forest health, and cultural use of fire.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)
- 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 Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has determined the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. This determination is supported by (1) CAL FIRE’s July 1, 2025, initial determination as the lead agency, that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director’s August 8, 2025 concurrence with that lead agency determination, which is available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences>

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 Resource Management  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

8/11/2025  
 Date