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SUBJECT: ***Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***
State Clearinghouse Numbers (SCH): SCH No. 2024100483 (Phase 1 and 3) and No. 2025091295 (Phase 2).

Project Title: Windler Bar Habitat Enhancement Project (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2026-0033-R1 (RMP))

Project Location: The 100-acre Project is located 10.5 miles upstream of the confluence with South Fork of the Salmon River, in unincorporated community of Sawyers Bar. The Project is located in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Latitude 41.3120 and Longitude -123.1943

Project Description: The project is expected to enhance off-channel fisheries and riparian habitat as well as create habitat features that assist in the recovery of salmonids on the North Fork Salmon River. Phase 1 and 3 of the project includes lowering the floodplain, the construction of a side channel, alcove, and secondary alcove, the installation of large wood structures, the installation of channel riffles, and revegetation of the disturbed areas of the project; these activities are discussed in SCH No. 2024100483. Phase 2 of the project includes the construction of a side channel, middle channel, alcove, and a north channel, the construction of a torrent sedge shelf in the existing perennial side channel, the enhancement of the split-channel river bar and the Cronan Gulch alcove, the installation of step-pools, the dewatering of Gallia Pond, the invasive species removal from Gallia Pond, and the filling in of portions of Gallia pond; these activities are discussed in SCH No. 2025091295.

CDFW has determined that the Project is a Qualifying Restoration Project pursuant to section 1671(d)(1) of the Fish and Game Code, and the Project is expected to result in a substantial, cumulative benefit to native fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat, or any combination thereof. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described RMP and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [☒ the lead agency / ☐ a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 7/29/2026 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

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1. The project [☐ will / ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [☐ An environmental impact report / ☒ A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [☒ were / ☐ were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was / ☐ was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were / ☒ were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

Signature DocuSigned by: Jason Roberts 132FDFECF23F4FD... *Date:* 7/29/2026

Jason Roberts, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____