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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: MENDOCINO
501 LOW GAP RD., UKIAH, CA 95482

From: (Public Agency): MENDOCINO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
115 EAST SMITH ST., UKIAH, CA 95482
(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Parker Ten Mile Ranch

Project Applicant: Nan Deniston

Project Location - Specific:

APN: 150-080-26, 150-080-27, 150-080-25, Sections 20, 22, & 23, T20N, R17W

Project Location - City: Fort Bragg Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Approximately 38 acres will be treated. *Project objective is to establish a shaded fuel break along seasonal roads and historic skid trails in order to reduce wildfire intensity, improve emergency ingress and egress, and provide a defensible fire line and staging area.* Treatments will focus on removing suppressed and stagnant trees and thinning smaller-diameter stems to reduce competition and favor healthy residuals. At least 90% of trees less than 4 inches DBH and 80% of trees between 4 and 8 inches DBH will be removed, with occasional removal of stems up to 12 inches DBH as needed to meet stand structure objectives. Residual trees will be dominant, vigorous individuals with full crowns, spaced an average of 15 to 18 feet apart, with wider spacing permitted between large dominants. Desired canopy closure is approximately 70%. Slash will be piled along roadsides or landings for burning in compliance with local rules; larger woody material may remain onsite if placed in soil contact away from retained trees.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Linwood Gill RPF #2491

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:

This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. The exemption applies to fuel management activities within 100 feet of roads, including mastication, pruning, and understory thinning to reduce hazardous fuels. The project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in Public Resources Code §753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields. These experts 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, with adequate measures provided to avoid sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will be limited to suppressed, defective, or stagnant individuals generally less than 12 inches DBH. Activities will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project-specific analysis is on file at the Resource Conservation District. Project conforms with NTMP.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Adam Coleman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 462-3664 Ext. 102

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: Date: 10/01/2025 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.

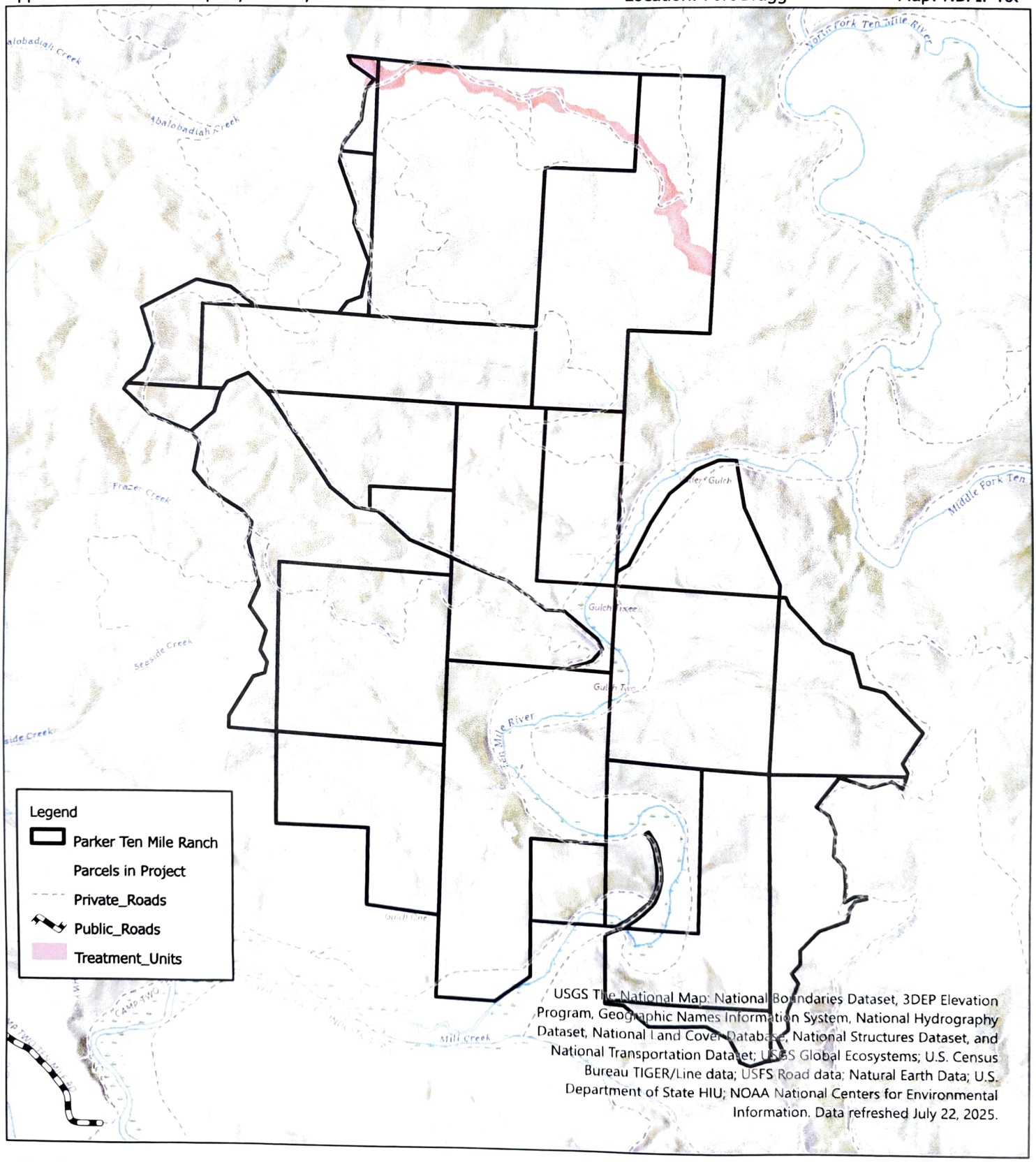
Date Received for filing at OPR:

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Parker Ten Mile Ranch

Applicant: Deniston Property Size: 2,554 acres Location: Fort Bragg Map: NBFIP Rx



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line data; USFS Road data; Natural Earth Data; U.S. Department of State HIU; NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. Data refreshed July 22, 2025.

Resource Conservation District
Mendocino County

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Scale is 1:24,000 1 inch = 2,000 feet October 1, 2025