

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	North Fork Mono Tribe, "North Fork Mono Tribe's Cultural Resources Revitalization Project – Sierra & Inyo National Forests"		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sierra National Forest & Inyo National Forest	COUNTY	Madera & Inyo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT PROPONENT	North Fork Mono Tribe		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE is providing funding to the North Fork Mono Tribe to implement tribal wildfire resilience treatment activities on culturally significant lands within Sierra National Forest and Inyo National Forest using Tribal land management practices. Treatments include cultural burning, manual thinning, and forest meadow restoration activities, including invasive species removal. These treatments will enhance biodiversity and improve hydrology, climate, and wildfire resilience and aim to serve California Native American Tribes and advance forest health and cultural use of fire.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

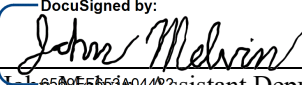
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed under the (1) Whiskey Ridge Ecological Restoration Project NEPA FEIS & ROD, signed May 22, 2013, (2) Greys Mountain Ecological Restoration Project FEIS & ROD, signed March 16, 2022, (3) Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project NEPA EA-FONSI & DN, signed September 19, 2024, and (4) Graham Restoration Project NEPA DM, signed June 23, 2025.

The NEPA record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

- (1) <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/sierra/projects/archive/37829>
- (2) <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/sierra/projects/archive/35121>
- (3) <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/inyo/projects/archive/61827>
- (4) <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/sierra/projects/65394>

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