

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	TreePeople San Bernardino National Forest Post-Fire Recovery & Resilience – Apple & El Dorado Fires		
PROJECT LOCATION	943 acres of the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) Front Country and Mountaintop Ranger Districts within the 2020 Apple and El Dorado wildfire burn scars	COUNTY	San Bernardino & Riverside
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE is providing funding to TreePeople to implement reforestation treatments on federal lands within the San Bernardino National Forest. Treatments include site preparation, invasive weed abatement, multi-species reforestation, and rare conifer monitoring within the fire-scar footprints of the 2020 Apple Fire and El Dorado Fire. These treatments will be critical to restore forest health, by increasing carbon storage, improving watershed health, and promoting wildfire resilience

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 Policy 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 NEPA Apple and El Dorado Post-Fire Restoration Project Finding of Applicability and No Extraordinary Circumstance (FANEC), signed March 25, 2026.

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

<https://treepeople.org/resource/environmental-compliance/>

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