

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office Of Planning & Research
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From: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
 115 East Smith Street
 Ukiah, CA 95482

County Clerk
 Mendocino County
 501 Low Gap Rd.
 Ukiah, Ca 95482

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program – Kirsten Johnsen
Project Applicant: Kirsten Johnsen
Project Location: APN – 151-230-04
 Section 20 &21, T 16N R13W
 Lat: 39.2317341°N Long: 123.3258506°W
City: Ukiah **County:** Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approximately 8 acres are to be treated. The project consists of hand treatment to reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health within Treatment Units 2 and 3. Activities include thinning small diameter Douglas-fir, tanoak, and Pacific madrone, lopping, slash piling, and pile burning. Most removals will target trees less than 8 inches DBH to reduce surface and ladder fuels, improve spacing, release healthy residual trees, and protect retained deciduous oaks. In Unit 3, treatment will also focus on substantial reduction of small tanoak to decrease understory density and disrupt vertical fuel continuity. Limited removal of selected trees greater than 8 inches DBH may occur where necessary to improve stand structure, reduce hazardous fuel continuity, or address defective or unsafe stems. Slash will be either scattered to applicable treatment standards or piled in stable locations away from drainages, creek areas, retained tree boles, and oak canopies for later burning under legal burn conditions. The purpose of the project is to reduce wildfire hazard, improve stand resilience, and promote a safer, healthier, and more maintainable forest conditions. The beneficiaries of the project include the landowner, adjacent properties, and the public through reduced fire risk and improved watershed and forest conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kirsten Allen

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:

Reason Why Project is Exempt:


This project qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. The exemption applies to fuel management and forest improvement activities, including selective removal of vegetation, where the work does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees and does not result in a substantial alteration of land use. Treatments will be limited to selective hand and mechanical thinning of suppressed and stagnant regeneration, with slash piled for burning or arranged to reduce fuel continuity. The project will reduce hazardous surface and ladder fuels, improve spacing among residual stems, and promote forest resilience without changing the overall land use or function of the site. Project-specific review has determined that no significant environmental effects will occur, with adequate measures provided for protection of sensitive resources. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Adam Coleman **Phone Number:** 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:** 04/29/2026 **Title:** Forestry Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

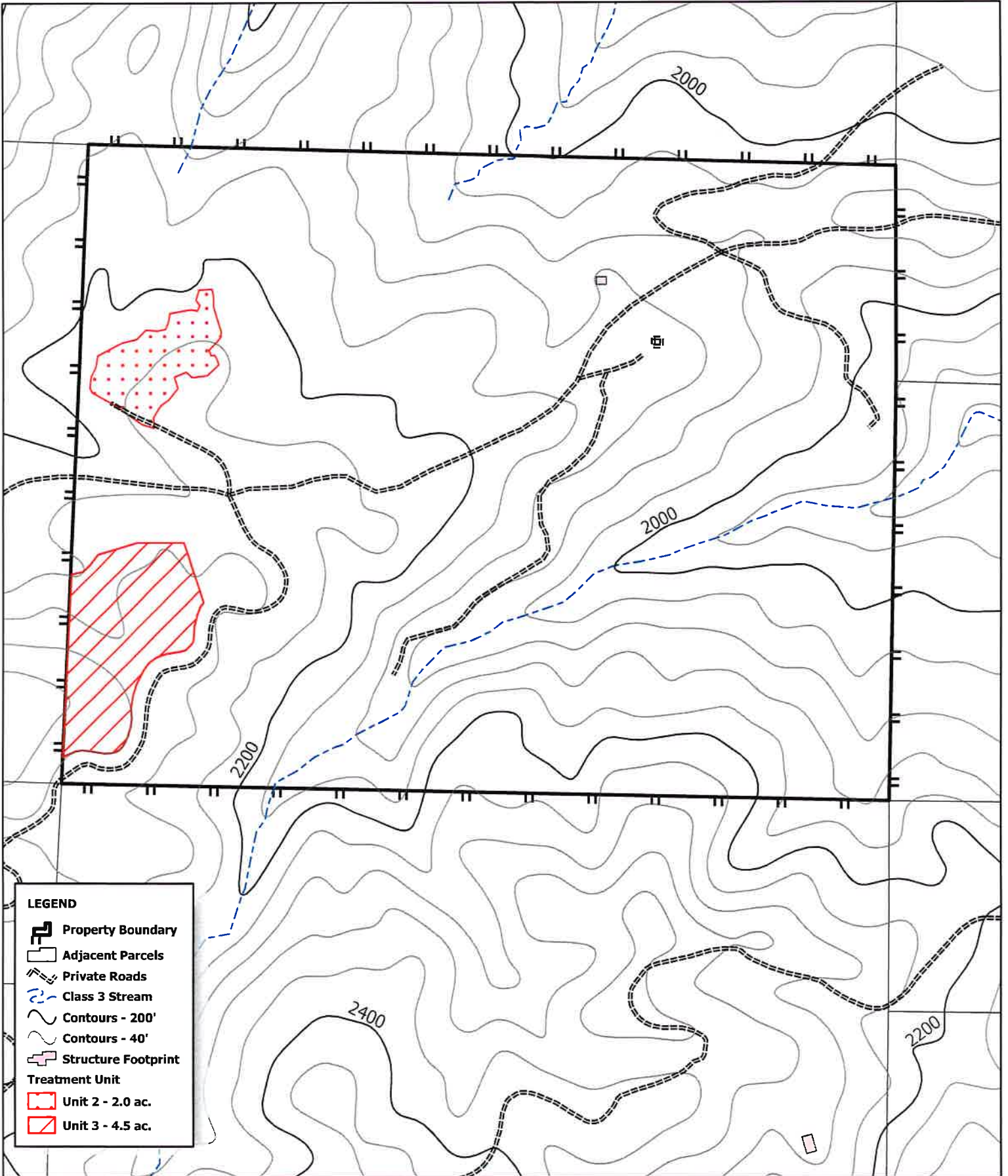
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

9700 Chickenfoot Road

Client: Kirsten Johnsen Property Size: 120 acres

Location: Ukiah

Map: NBFIP - NOE

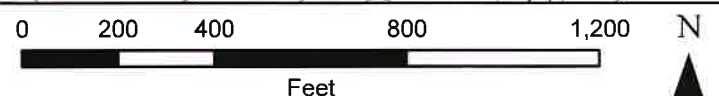


LEGEND

- Property Boundary
- Adjacent Parcels
- Private Roads
- Class 3 Stream
- Contours - 200'
- Contours - 40'
- Structure Footprint
- Treatment Unit**
- Unit 2 - 2.0 ac.
- Unit 3 - 4.5 ac.



Disclaimer Language
Maps prepared for informational purposes only. Image depicts a combination of publicly available data and observations made of on-the-ground conditions at the time of the site visit. No liability is assumed for the accuracy of the information or data displayed. All lines are approximate.



Scale is 1:4,800 1 inch = 400 feet 4/29/2026