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Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program – Tony Marks-Block Hedge Trust

Project Applicant: Tony Marks-Block Hedge Trust

Project Location: APNs: 013-380-57, 013-380-58
 Section 4 & 9, T21N R16W
 Lat: 39.6961480°N, Long: 123.6506490°W 39.6961480°N

City: Branscomb **County:** Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approximately 19 acres will be treated. The project consists of hand thinning and follow up slash treatment within Treatment Units 1 through 4 to reduce hazardous fuels, decrease ladder fuels, and improve forest health. Treatments in Units 1 through 3 will primarily follow NBFIP Timber Stand Improvement Scenario #2, with most removals focused on small diameter and pole sized trees up to 8 inches DBH. Where needed to achieve treatment objectives, selected trees up to approximately 12 inches DBH may also be removed to reduce overstocking, improve spacing, release healthy residual trees, and reduce ladder fuels. Unit 4 will receive light hand treatment only to selectively reduce small diameter ladder fuels in the riparian corridor while protecting riparian function and other sensitive resources. Limited field adjustments may be made by the Registered Professional Forester to account for actual stand conditions, so long as treatment remains consistent with NBFIP intent, fuels reduction objectives, and protection of site resources. Project generated slash will be piled and burned or otherwise treated in a manner consistent with program requirements. The purpose of the project is to reduce wildfire hazard and promote a more resilient and maintainable forest condition. The beneficiaries of the project are the landowner, surrounding properties, and the public through reduced fire risk and improved forest condition.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tony Marks-Block

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:

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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 involving selective removal of vegetation where the work does not result in a substantial alteration of land use. Treatments will consist primarily of selective hand thinning and follow up slash treatment to reduce hazardous surface and ladder fuels, improve spacing among residual trees, and promote forest health and stand resilience. Slash will be piled for burning or otherwise treated to reduce fuel continuity, consistent with project objectives and protection of site resources. The project will retain the overall forested character and ecological function of the site. Project specific documentation supporting the use of this exemption is on file at the RCD.

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:** 4/29/2026 **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: _____

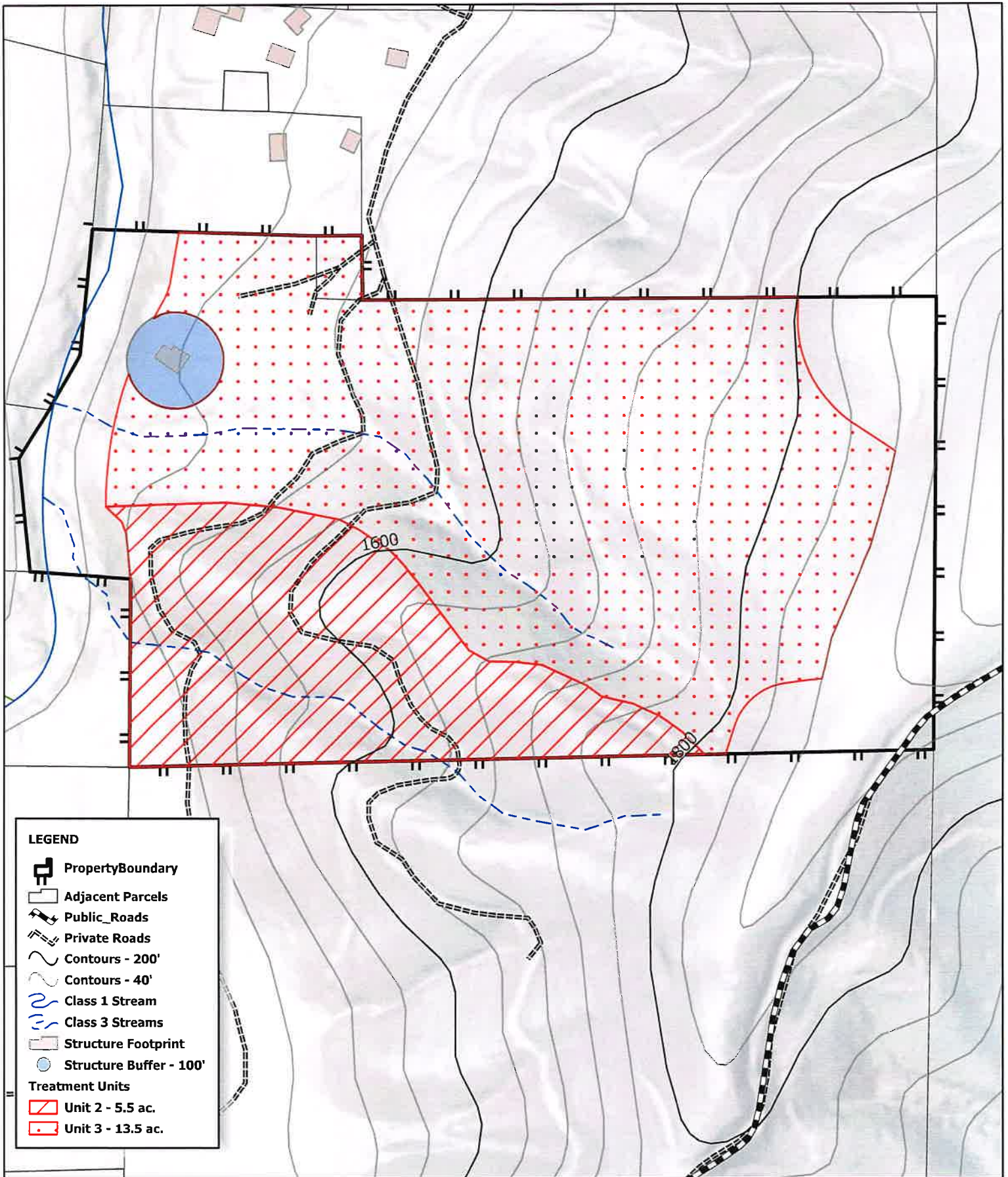
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

40200 Wilderness Lodge Road

Client: Marks-Block Property Size: 24 acres

Location: Branscomb

Map: NBFIP - NOE



LEGEND

- Property Boundary
- Adjacent Parcels
- Public Roads
- Private Roads
- Contours - 200'
- Contours - 40'
- Class 1 Stream
- Class 3 Streams
- Structure Footprint
- Structure Buffer - 100'

Treatment Units

- Unit 2 - 5.5 ac.
- Unit 3 - 13.5 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.



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