

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Guys Gulch Fuel Reduction Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Portion of Section 36, Township 44N, Range 07W, MDBM.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Siskiyou
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project includes fuel reduction activities on 154 acres adjacent to Guys Gulch Road southwest of Grenada in Siskiyou County, California. The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous fuel loading and ladder fuels to improve wildfire resilience and support firefighter access and operational effectiveness within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The project will also improve ingress and egress along Guys Gulch Road for evacuation and emergency response for properties accessed by the road, and will treat previously treated areas to prevent re-accumulation of hazardous fuels. Treatment activities will be conducted by hand crews and will include manual cutting, thinning, pruning and piling of brush, small diameter trees, and dead, dying, or diseased trees. Vegetation to be removed consists primarily of dense buckbrush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), manzanita (*Arctostaphylos viscida* and *Arctostaphylos patula*), and mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*). Trees up to 12” diameter at breast height (dbh) and dead, dying or diseased trees of any diameter will also be removed to provide up to 30-foot spacing between trees. Material generated by treatment activities will be piled and burned or chipped. Chipping may take place along existing roads and off-road trails within the project area. A tracked chipper may be used to access areas off trail, but only on slopes less than 50 percent. Manual control line construction will also be conducted and prescribed broadcast burns will be implemented following initial treatments. Project activities may take place annually to maintain the desired vegetation conditions.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption:** Class 4 §15304(b), Minor Alterations to Land, Categorical Exemption to CEQA
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):**
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)**
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))**
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))**

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

This project fits under Class 4, §15304, Minor Alterations of Land, Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters located at 1809 Fairlane Road in Yreka, CA 96097

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