Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, Ca 93514

Project Title: SR 203 Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: SR 203 Post Miles L0.0-R8.5

Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Fuel reduction and vegetation removal will occur in the Work Area Boundaries (WAB) consisting of approximately 66 acres in the Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) along SR 203 between Post Miles L0.0 – R8.7 in Mammoth Lakes, California. Work will include a combination of hand and mechanical thinning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: Class 4 (15304(i))
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under CEQA Class 4 (CCR §15304(i)) because it consists of fuel reduction and vegetation management activities within existing Caltrans right of way to reduce wildfire risk, with no significant environmental effects or applicable exceptions to the exemption

Lead Agency Contact Person: Beau Tindall Phone number: (760) 419-1385

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: Stephen Pfeiler Date: 7/6/2026 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.