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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	GNA-Highway 180 WUI		
PROJECT LOCATION	Highway 180 Corridor, Dunlap, CA	**COUNTY**	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) FKU Unit		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will implement fuel reduction and prescribed burn preparation (full facilitation) including creating machine and hand crew containment lines, live tree thinning, dead tree falling, machine and hand crew piling, and tree limbing on the Sequoia National Forest, Hume Lake Ranger District that is approximately 19,340 acres, consistent with the NEPA decision listed below.

Under 16 UCS 2113a, the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) enables CAL FIRE to use its standard procedures, policies, and contracting mechanisms to accomplish authorized restoration work on federal lands. For this project, work will be consistent with Good Neighbor Authority Agreement Sierra Nevada #25-GN-11052007-009, signed 9/12/2025.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☐ Categorical Exemption Type and Section:
- ☒ Statutory Exemption (state code section): **Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)**
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with the provisions in Public Resoruces Code 4799.05(d)(1). It states: "Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) does not apply to prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel reduction projects, or to related activities included in the project description, undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq.) if either of the following is satisfied: (A) The primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. (B) A state or local agency is undertaking those projects pursuant to the federal Good Neighbor Authority (Public Law 113-79) 1 or a stewardship agreement with the federal government entered pursuant to Public Law 113-79."

All work coordinated in conjunction with the Sequoia National Forest are included in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forest Prescribed Fire Project NEPA decision. This decision can be found here: Sierra National Forest | Project Summary (#65081) | Forest Service or at the Sequoia National Forest, 220 E. Morton Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257. The Good Neighbor Authority Agreement is kept on file at the Sacramento Headquarters Office at 715 P St. Sacramento, CA 95814.

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