

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Inland Deserts Region Bishop Field Office
787 N Main St, Suite 220 Bishop, CA 93514

(Address)

Project Title: Upper Mill Creek Forest Health Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location - Specific:

Grouse Meadow Unit, Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area. See attachment.

Project Location - City: 6 mi south of Walker Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will thin overstocked conifer stands and prune lower branches to remove hazardous ladder fuels within the riparian corridor of upper Mill Creek, and associated tributaries, as it passes through the Grouse Meadow Unit of the Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area, thereby improving wildlife habitat, forest health, and fire resiliency. Work will be completed by hand crews. See attachment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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: 14 CCR, Sections 15304, 15307, and 15308
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment.

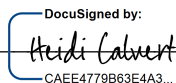
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Aaron Johnson, CDFW Senior Environmental Scientist

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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: 8/12/2026 Title: Regional Manager

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■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____