

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Native Plant Program
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Project Title: Milo Baker's Lupine Experimental Outplanting Project (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located in Mendocino County, in the Covelo East quad. The coordinates of the project site are (39.80289, -123.22844). Donor seed for the project will be collected by California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff from California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) Element Occurrence (EO) 2, located less than 2 miles away. Seed will be temporarily stored at CDFW facilities prior to outplanting.

Project Description: CDFW is issuing a California Endangered Species Act scientific, educational, or management permit pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivision (a) (Permit No. 2081(a)-26-010-RP) for a project that will attempt to establish a new population of Milo Baker's lupine (*Lupinus milobakeri*) within its historic range on private property owned by the Permittees. If successful, this recovery project will improve the resilience of Milo Baker's lupine to extinction. The Permittees will voluntarily support the Project by conducting site preparation and habitat maintenance activities, which may include weed control using tarps, mowers, weed whackers, and/or hand tools, and herbivore exclusion using insect cloth. CDFW staff will lead seed collection, outplanting, and monitoring activities.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Raffica La Rosa, CDFW

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial;
- ☐ Declared Emergency;
- ☐ Emergency Project;
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15307, Class 7

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will facilitate the recovery of the California endangered *Lupinus milobakeri* by attempting to establish a self-sustaining population of the species within its historic range. The permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing population of *Lupinus milobakeri* are not impacted, and that the experimental outplanted population will be adequately protected.

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Signed by:

Signature: _____

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Date: 8/19/2026

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

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