

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Siskiyou

311 Fourth Street, Room 201

Yreka, CA 96097

From: (Public Agency): California Department of Fish and Wildlife
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: China Point Ecological Reserve Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location - Specific:

Three miles east of the town of Happy Camp, along the Klamath River.

Project Location - City: Happy Camp Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

CDFW proposes fuel reduction activities in partnership with the Karuk Tribe, a co-management entity. The project consists of fire resiliency treatments to reduce fuel loads, including prescriptive and/or cultural fire, hand fire containment line creation, hand thinning, pile burning, and mechanical brush reduction, to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Karuk Tribe

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: 15304 Class 4, 15308 Class 8
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15304, Class 4 consists of minor alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees on public or private land. The project involves prescriptive and/or cultural burning of the understory, mechanical brush reduction, and removal of non-scenic trees as needed for meadow restoration purposes.

Section 15308, Class 8 consists of actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment. The project would assure the maintenance and protection of the environment by increasing fire resiliency through understory thinning, pile burning, mechanical brush reduction, hand fire containment line creation, and prescriptive and/or cultural burning.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Teresa Spade Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-806-1384

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: Jason Roberts Date: 9/16/2026 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: _____