Project Title:
Wildcat Prescribed Burn
Project Location – Specific:
The project is located on approximately 30 acres of privately owned land, situated about 1 mile from Callahan, within Siskiyou County, T40N, R9W, Section 12; Callahan 7.5' USGS quad.
Project Location – City: Callahan
Project Location – County: Siskiyou
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Siskiyou County Resource Conservation District (RCD), acting as Lead Agency, will implement a 30-acre understory broadcast burn on private property to reduce catastrophic wildfire risks, manage fuel loads, and restore ecological health to the local ecosystem.
Project activities involve low-intensity broadcast burning within a designated 20-acre boundary under the supervision of a certified Burn Boss. Pre-treatment activities have been completed and included hand thinning, limb pruning, and utilizing hand tools to clear surface fuels along established control lines (firelines) to ensure containment. No commercial timber harvest, new road construction, or heavy equipment-driven ground disturbance will occur.
The purpose of the project is to reduce the volume of flammable understory vegetation, ladder fuels, and invasive brush. Beneficiaries include the private landowner, adjacent properties, the local community, and emergency response personnel who will benefit from reduced wildfire severity and enhanced community wildfire resilience.
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Siskiyou County Resource Conservation District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou County Resource Conservation District as Lead Agency in partnership with Scott River Watershed Council as Implementing Agency, California Certified Burn Boss Will Harling and the landowner.
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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Class 4, Section 15304(b) - Minor Alterations to Land.**
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
Reasons why project is exempt:
The project qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(b) (Minor Alterations to Land) because it consists of fuel management activities, specifically an understory broadcast burn and associated hand-thinning, aimed at reducing wildfire hazards.
The project satisfies all conditions of this exemption: it will not result in the removal of healthy, mature trees; it is designed to clear hazardous understory vegetation; and it does not change the existing land use. A review of the project site confirmed that no exceptions to the categorical exemption apply (CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2): there are no cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same locality, no significant impacts on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and no potential to impact scenic highways,

hazardous waste sites, or historical resources. The project will be executed in strict accordance with an approved Smoke Management Plan authorized by the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District and under valid CAL FIRE permits.

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