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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Pettijohn LSR Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project - Good Neighbor Authority		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sections 4-10, 15-22, 28-33 in T34N, R8W; Sections 4-8, 17, 18 in T33N, R8W; Section 1 in T33N, R9W; and Sections 1-4, 9-16, 21-26, 35-36 in T34N, R9W, Mount Diablo Meridian.	**COUNTY**	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Shasta-Trinity Unit		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Under the Good Neighbor Authority (16 U.S.C. § 2113a), The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will implement hand thinning, piling and burning of piles, and prescribed burning across 2,916 acres of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The project area is located northeast of Weaverville, California, within the southern portion of the Clear Creek Late-Successional Reserve (LSR). The project area occurs within the mid- to upper-montane ecological zone of the Klamath Mountains bioregion and is characterized by diverse coniferous forest and woodland communities. Vegetation management activities are intended to reduce the potential for high-severity wildfire, improve forest resilience, and maintain the ecological values and habitat characteristics of the surrounding landscape.

This Good Neighbor Authority project follows the NEPA decision listed below and utilizes CAL FIRE's established contracting and operational procedures to streamline work on federal lands.

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 CEQA under Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4799.05(d)(1). This exemption applies to wildfire and fuel reduction projects on federal lands that have undergone NEPA review, provided a state or local agency is involved through funding, staffing, or a Good Neighbor Authority agreement .

All work planned on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest follows the Pettijohn LSR Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project decision memo signed March 13, 2013 (Supplemntal Biological Opinion signed April 13, 2018). A digital copy of the decision is available at Shasta-Trinity National Forest | Project Summary (#14323) | Forest Service, or a physical copy is located at Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002. The Good Neighbor Authority Agreement is kept on file at CAL FIRE Headquarters in Sacramento (715 P St.Sacramento Headquarters, 715 P St., Sacramento, CA 95814..

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