

Notice of Determination

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From: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Mail Ridge Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project

Project Location: Southern Humboldt County and western Trinity County, mainly along Mail Ridge. Unincorporated towns within the study area are Fruitland Ridge, New Harris, and Harris. Unincorporated towns to the west of the Study Area are Benbow, Garberville, Redway, Phillipsville, Miranda, Myers Flat, and Weott. Unincorporated towns to the east of the Study Area are Alderpoint, Steelhead, and Fort Seward.

Project Applicant: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

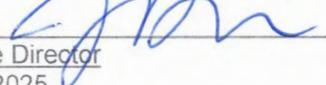
Project Description: The proposed project includes treatment of up to 20,000 acres of Shaded Fuel Break, Wildland Urban Interface, and Ecological Restoration along Mail Ridge and surrounding areas over 10 years (up to 2,000 acres per year). Proposed treatment activities include mechanical, manual, prescribed fire broadcast burns, prescribed fire pile burns, prescribed herbivory, and herbicide application. The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) has prepared a Project Specific Analysis (PSA) under the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR, and provide environmental information to the RCD and CALFIRE in compliance with CEQA. Proposed treatment activities are mechanical and manual treatments, prescribed herbivory, herbicide and prescribed burning (broadcast and pile burning).

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (CEQA Lead Agency) approved the above-described project on July 10, 2025 and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Mail Ridge Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project PSA to the CalVTP PEIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The Mail Ridge Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project PSA and Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR complies with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines, including Section 15168 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding later activities within the scope of a program EIR, and the use of an addendum for minor changes that do not result in a new significant effect or substantial increase in severity of a previously identified significant effect, in accordance with Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP PEIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by the Humboldt County RCD for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by the Humboldt County RCD for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Mail Ridge Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Project PSA to the CalVTP PEIR and record of project approval is available to the General Public at Humboldt County Resource Conservation District offices, 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503.

Signature: 
Title: Executive Director
Date: July 17, 2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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