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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Stempson Stream Crossings, Decommissioning, and Remediation Projects (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-66718-R1C)

Project Location (Humboldt County): The Project to be completed is located within the Chamise Creek watershed, approximately 11 miles southeast of the town of Garberville, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 16, T05S, R05E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Jewett Rock U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 218-061-004-000; latitude 40.0270 N and longitude 123.6145 W at the first stream crossing.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-66718-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Mathew Stempson.

The Project is limited to eight encroachments. Three proposed encroachments are to upgrade existing road/stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Three encroachments are to decommission road/stream crossings on a legacy logging road. Work will include removal of existing culverts, defining new channel dimensions, and armoring as necessary. One proposed encroachment is to restore a stream channel that currently diverts down a ditch. The final encroachment is for remediation of a cultivation site with a culvert running beneath it.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 20, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the **Mitigated Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).

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3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ *Date:* 8/20/2026

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Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

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