

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Feather River RCD
PO Box 3562
Quincy, CA 95971
(Address)

County Clerk
County of Plumas
520 Main Street Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971

Project Title: Minerva Restoration Project

Project Location - Specific:

Project units are located approximately 2 miles south of Quincy, CA on the Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District.
Legal Location: T24N, R9E, S 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36 MDMB; T24N, R10E, S 31 MDMB; T23N, R9E S 01, 02, 03 MDMB
USGS 7.5'Quad Map(s): Quincy, CA

Project Location - City: Quincy, CA Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes 278 acres of reforestation activities on National Forest land near the community of Quincy, CA that burned at high-severity during the 2017 Minerva Fire. Activities include 188 acres of site preparation and reforestation in addition to 90 acres of manual release. Activities will occur within the 4,310 acre fire footprint in areas that have been type-converted. Competing vegetation and burned debris will be removed to provide space for planting, trees will be planted at low density to reduce the risk of future high-severity wildfire, and manual release of planted trees from competing vegetation will increase tree survival and growth rate. The objective of the project is to reestablish the forest in areas where the habitat type has been converted from mixed-conifer forests to shrubland by the stand-replacing fire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

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: CCR Section 15304, Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

An exemption pursuant to 15304 is indicated because the project consists of minor alterations in the condition of vegetation which would not result in the removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees. An Environmental Review Report was completed for reforestation planned on Federally owned public lands impacted by the 2017 Minerva Fire concluding that project implementation as designed would have less than significant impact in each resource area. The area of land that is proposed to be reforested is a small portion of the fire footprint and is far less than the area that has burned at high-severity in the same watershed in the recent past.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Hall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-927-5299

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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2.23.2022 Title: District Manager

[X] Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
[] Signed by Applicant

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION: MINERVA RESTORATION PROJECT
LEAD AGENCY: Feather River Resource Conservation District**

Date Filed: February 23, 2022



Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk/Deputy

Certificate of Posting

I hereby certify that from 2/23/2022 to 3/31/2022 (35 days), I posted a copy of this Notice of Determination in the Office of the Plumas County Clerk.



Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk/Deputy

