

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Feather River Resource Conservation District
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(Address)

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520 Main Street

Quincy, CA 95971

Project Title: Franks Valley Forest Health Project

Project Applicant: Plumas County Fire Safe Council

Project Location – Specific:

T26N, R11E, S12,13,14,22-26, MDBM & T26N, R12E, S7,18,19,20, MDBM.

Project Location - City: Taylorsville

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The 2,534 acre project area exhibits excessive stand density and associated elevated levels of conifer mortality in response to the combined factors of stand density and extended drought. The Franks Valley Forest Health Project has been designed to 1) Improve landscape-level forest health treatments through mechanical thinning, 2) Reduce forest fuels through hand thinning and prescribed fire, 3) Improve wildlife habitat by enhancing aspen habitat through the reduction of conifer competition and encroachment, and 4) Improve watershed conditions through the obliteration of non-system roads. The project area is within both the planning areas of the Moonlight Restoration EA and the Plumas Audubon Genesee Wildfire Restoration Plan. These combined projects will restore forested stands on the landscape level.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas County Fire Safe Council

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));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resource Code Section 4799.05(d)(1).

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. Cal Fire has provided funding through the Forest Health Grants Program for fuel reduction on 2,354 acres of federal land within the Plumas National Forest. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA through review of the project Decision Memo and supporting specialist reports. The Decision Memo was signed May 9, 2019.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brad Graevs

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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: Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: Oct 7, 2019

Title: District Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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