

Notice of Exemption

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

County Clerk / County of Plumas

520 Main Street

Quincy CA 95971

Project Title: Keddie Ridge Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Plumas Fire Safe Council

Project Location – Specific:

T25N R10E S 4,3,9,10; T26N, R8E, S1,2; T26N, R9E, S4,8,9,10,11,16,15,14,22,23,26; T26N R10E S3,10,15,21; T26N R11E S 7,8,18,17,19,20,30,29; T27N R8E S35; T27N R9E S6,7,15,16,17,20; T27N R10E S 17, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34

Project Location - City: Indian Valley, CA

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Keddie Ridge Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project proposes implementation of treatments on 5,724 acres to modify fire behavior, improve forest and watershed health through fuels treatments near Indian Valley, CA. The project covers 5,122 acres of defensible fuel profile zones (DFPZ's), 505 acres of area thinning (AT) outside of DFPZ's, 97 acres of hand thin and pile burn in TES species. Treatments include: hand thin, pile, pile burn; mastication; mechanical thinning; and broadcast burning. All Units within the Keddie Ridge Hazardous Fuels reduction project are NEPA compliant under the EIS completed for the Keddie Ridge Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Feather River RCD, 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 Record of Decision and supporting specialist's reports. The Record of Decision was signed December 7th 2011.

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: [Signature] Date: 5/4/20 Title: DISTRICT MANAGER
 Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

I hereby certify that from 5-4-2020 to 6-3-2020 I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the office of the Plumas County Clerk (30 days). By Julie Hagwood (signature) on 5-4-2020 (date).

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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