



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Bobcat Training Burn		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	A portion of Section 18 within T8N, R2W, MDBM, approximately 4 miles Northwest of the town of Winters, CA.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Yolo
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project involves light to moderate intensity burning of grass for the purpose of training of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) personnel in the proper procedures of firing techniques to control wild land fires. Firing of these units will be conducted in a manner that allows firefighters to utilize controlled fire to extinguish simulated uncontrolled fire. CAL FIRE Type 3 engines, hand crews, bulldozer and a fire suppression helicopter will be used for the training burn and will be present for all burning activities.

The project area is 75 acres of grassland and surrounded by existing roads and dozer line. Project activity includes establishing perimeter and interior fire control lines utilizing both heavy equipment and/or hand tools to blade to bare mineral soil. Existing seasonal ranch roads will also be utilized for segments of control line. The grass is seasonally grazed by cattle.

The area has no public access. There are no threatened and endangered plants or animal habitat in the project area. No archaeological resources are located in the project area. All applicable burn permits issued from the Yolo Air Quality Management District will be obtained prior to commencement of the project.

CAL FIRE will reassess the environmental conditions of the project five (5) years from March 1, 2013.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (i)
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

This project fits under portions of Class 4 §15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters (Attention Environmental Coordinator), 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

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