



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PROJECT TITLE:	Ponderosa Way – Sky Ranch to Plum Creek Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION:	Portions of Section 29, 30, 31&32, T29N, R2E and Portions of Section 6, T28N, R2E and Portion of Section 1, T28N, R1E, MDBM	COUNTY	Tehama
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description:

This project proposes to reduce hazardous fuels along a 4.5 mile (approximately 55 acres) section of Ponderosa Way in eastern Tehama County. Vegetation within 100' of either side of the road will be cut and chipped and/or piled for burning. Piles generated for burning will be located within the road right of way and road shoulders. Burning will take place on approved days as determined by the local air district. If topography or resource protection issues prevent the completion of 100' on one side of the road, an attempt will be made to expand the treatment areas on the other side of the road in order to obtain an average of 200' along the roadway. Objectives of this project are to reduce surface and ladder fuel loadings and modify fuel spacing arrangement, density and type in order to create a more fire-safe landscape. Preference for retained trees will be Ponderosa pine, Incense cedar, Douglas fir and Black oak. Trees to be left on site (those with a diameter of 10" and greater) will be pruned up to 8' above ground level. All work will be completed by CAL FIRE conservation camp crews.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4
- 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 Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This project, as proposed, meets these criteria and as such will not have an adverse impact upon the environment.

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,



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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's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment.

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date

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