

Notice of Exemption

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

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

Project Title: Moonlight-Wheeler Restoration Project

Project Location - Specific:

Project units are located approximately 7 miles northeast of Taylorsville, CA on Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District.
Legal Location: T26N, R12E, S 01, 03, 04, 09, 10, 15, 21, 22 MDMB; T27N, R12E, S 33, 34, 36 MDMB
USGS 7.5' Quad Map(s): Antelope Lake, Babcock Peak, Genesee Valley, Kettle Rock

Project Location - City: Taylorsville Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes approximately 480 acres of reforestation in areas of National Forest that have burned at high-severity twice in recent past. Reforestation activities will occur on a small portion of a much larger area that has been type-converted. Trees will be planted at low density to reduce the risk of future high-severity wildfire, and release of trees from competing vegetation will be manual and increase tree survival and growth rate. The objective of the project is to reestablish forests in areas where the habitat type has been converted from mixed-conifer forests to shrubland by stand-replacing wildfires.

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 Environmental Review Report was completed for reforestation planned for Federally owned public lands concluding that project implementation as designed would have less than significant impact in each resource area. Class 4 exemption covers minor alterations to vegetation such as reforesting areas that have been severely impacted by stand-replacing wildfire. The area of land that is proposed to be reforested is less than one percent of the 2019 Walker fire area, and far less than the area that has burned at high-severity in the same watershed in recent past.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brad Graevs 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? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1-6-2020 Title: District Manager

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

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