



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	County Clerk Tehama County, CA 633 Washington St., Room 111 Red Bluff, CA 96080	FROM:	RCD of Tehama County 202 Walnut Street Red Bluff, CA 96080
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PROJECT TITLE	Mountain Roadside Fuel Treatments – 169-2
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PROJECT LOCATION

PROJECT LOCATION – Various Roads in **COUNTY** Tehama
Northeastern Tehama County PW ROW

List of Roads

- S. Powerhouse Road, Hazen Road, Forward Rd, Manton school Road, Plum Creek Road, Paynes Creek Loop, Little Giant Mill Rd, Hogsback Road, Lanes Valley Road, Tramway Road, Ponderosa Way, Moulton Loop Road, Cessna Ave, Summit Road, Ruth Ln, Piney Lane, Navion Road, Explorer Road, Inskip Road, Canyon Loop Road, Fletcher Trail, Campbellsville Ridge Road, Wilson Lake Road.

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE,
PURPOSE, AND
BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT**

Description

- Work will improve existing conditions along the county rights-of-way within Tehama County.
- Increase ingress by firefighting personnel and egress by residents during wildfire events will be significantly improved.
- High traffic volumes along the roads proposed for treatments create a significant risk of roadside ignition and fire spread into numerous publicly and privately maintained parcels
- Specific treatments to be completed in connection with this project include the cutting and chipping of ground fuels along with shrubs and small, poorly developed trees that create ladder fuels extending into the crowns of mature oaks.
- The removal and control of target vegetation will reduce roadside ignition risk, reduce the rate of fire spread and intensity as well as removal excess trees and other vegetation thus improving conditions for larger, more mature trees particularly oaks that are currently in good health and continue to sequester Greenhouse Gases (GHGs).

Objective

- The primary goals of the **TinderSmart Tehama – Mountain Roadside Treatment Project** are to improve the ingress and egress in and out of communities across Tehama County and expand/improve or develop areas along Tehama County roads. Additionally, reduce fuels load and bolster a network of fuel breaks or defensible fire lines and lower the regions susceptibility to high intensity wildfire.

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JUL 31 2025

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TEHAMA COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

BY

[Signature]

Prescription

Treat up to 300 acres of roadsides in Eastern Tehama County within the Tehama County rights-of-way/Easements. Treatment will include:

- removing all appropriate fuels (Trees & Brush) (10 DBH and below).

- removal of dead/dying/diseased trees (12 DBH and below).
- Conducting ladder fuel reduction by limbing all trees greater 10DBH to 8ft from ground surface.
- Removing downed trees/woody debris left in right of way (14 DBH and below).
- Weed Eating tall grass and resprouts.
- Herbicide treatment under a QAL/PRCA rec.
- Mastication of woody brush and small trees where accessible/feasible in ROW.

LEAD AGENCY	RCD of Tehama County		
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NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Tehama Conservation Fund

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (e) Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ 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

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 is considered low impact given that the nature of the project work occurs on already disturbed and developed roadsides and biomass chips will be broadcast onsite. A current California Natural Diversity Database search was conducted, and it has been determined that Project activities will have a low impact on the environment and low potential to affect cultural resources.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. Attached certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? x yes

SIGNATURE: Drew Barnhart

DATE: 7/31/25

TITLE: RCD of Tehama County Project Manager, Drew Barnhart

X Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

Total Project Area

0 1.5 3 6 9 12 Miles

