Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
   County of Trinity
   Trinity County Courthouse
   Weaverville, CA 96093

From: Trinity County DOT
   P.O. Box 2490
   Weaverville, CA 96093
   (530) 623-1365

Project Title: Coffee Creek Road- Post River Complex Fire Damage: 4 Culvert Replacements

Project Location - Specific:
These project sites are located in northern Trinity County near the community of Coffee Creek. From Weaverville, head north on State Highway 3 for approximately 36 miles. Turn left onto County Road 104- Coffee Creek Road, and continue for at least 5 miles to reach the first project site at mile marker 5.17 and continuing on to the last site at post mile marker 5.93.
PM 5.17: 41.10465, -122.786058; PM 5.31: 41.105137, -122.788692; PM 5.53: 41.105847, -122.792683; PM 5.93: 41.108707, -122.798688

Project Location - City: Coffee Creek

Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Original damages to these Ditch Relief Culvert (DRC) sites occurred during the 2021 Monument Fire. Emergency repairs are required as these sites are steadily caving in, posing a hazard to the traveling public. Additionally, there are safety concerns regarding conducting winter maintenance on this county road. These sites will be dry at the time of project implementation. Best Management Practices will be followed per the Water Quality and Stream Habitat Protection Manual. These are aimed at alleviating any potential direct and indirect impacts to water quality by reducing environmental degradation from sediment delivery to streams, and minimizing the potential for other adverse effects such as hazardous and deleterious materials from entering the watercourse.

Public Agency Approving Project: Trinity County Department of Transportation

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Trinity County Department of Transportation

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:
   Article 19 Class 1 Section 15301 (d) Existing Facilities
   Article 19 Class 2 Section 15302 (c) Replacement or Reconstruction
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:
Reasons why project is exempt: This project does not have any significant or cumulatively considerable environmental impacts. The project will not adversely affect a state scenic highway, cultural, natural, or historic resources, federal or state listed species or species proposed for listing, jurisdictional wetlands, or riparian zones. The project sites are located on an existing county road, and damaged structures and facilities will be restored or rehabilitated to meet current standards of public health and safety. The project will enhance fisheries habitat by reducing sediment input from failed culverts and stream crossings.

CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemptions under Article 19 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance...or minor alteration of existing public...structures...involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.
  (d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures of facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety;

CEQA Class 2 Categorical Exemptions under Article 19 consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.
  (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

No exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of CEQA apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person:  
Panos Kokkas, P.E.  

Signature:  

Title: Director; Trinity County Director of Transportation  

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Date: 7/26/2023