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: Big Creek Road- Post Monument Fire Damage: 6 Culvert Replacements

Project Location - Specific:
These project sites are located in central Trinity County, approximately 7 miles north of the community of Hayfork. From Weaverville, head south on State Highway 3 for approximately 28 miles. Turn right onto County Road 324- Big Creek Road, and continue for at least 5.5 miles to reach the first project site at post mile marker 5.51 and continuing on to the last site at post mile marker 8.00. PM 5.51: 40.605513, -123.155115; PM 5.95: 40.632513, -123.163238; PM 6.08: 40.623437, -123.163212; PM 6.68: 40.641853, -123.162230; PM 6.86 40.644188, 40.644188; PM 8.00: 40.656288, -123.153713

Project Location - City: Hayfork
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 pose a hazard to the road crew. 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 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));
X 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.

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Signature: [Signature]

Title: Director, Trinity County Director of Transportation

Date: 7/25/2023