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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Siskiyou Resource Conservation District
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Title: Lower Scott Valley Off-Channel Habitat Project
Applicant: Siskiyou Resource Conservation District
Project Location: T44N, R9W Sec. 30; 41.62991 North, 122.93570 West (NAD 1983)
City: Fort Jones, CA
County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Siskiyou Resource Conservation District will establish a 0.25 acre off-channel pond in a terrace adjacent to river-kilometer 42.8 of the Scott River (between Shackleford Creek and Kidder Creek). The pond will be enhanced with large woody debris features and connected to an oxbow of the Scott River by a single access channel. The entire project footprint will be approximately 1 acre. The pond is intended to increase the availability of refugial habitat for juvenile salmonids during critical winter rearing periods.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects

Reasons Project is Exempt:

The Lower Scott Valley Off-Channel Habitat Project will involve approximately 1 acre of the northern terrace to the Scott River and has been designed to provide suitable habitat for salmonids during their rearing stages. There will be no significant impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065; there are no hazardous materials at the site that would be removed or disturbed; and the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. The project has undergone consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which determined that the project may affect, but is unlikely to adversely affect coho salmon and its critical habitat.

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