

**CITY OF FRESNO
CAMP FRESNO LOGGING SERVICES
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 12301339**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

- APPLICANT:** Aldi Ramirez
Parks, After School, Recreation, Community Services
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721
- PROJECT LOCATION:** Camp Fresno and Camp Fresno Junior
53849 Dinkey Creek Road, Shaver Lake, CA 93664
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project consists of removing approximately 166 hazard trees identified and marked by the U.S. Forest Service at Camp Fresno. These hazard trees are diseased, or have been impacted from drought, and other environmental conditions.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class 1 and 15304/Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. Examples include but are not limited to: Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.

Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production.

On an annual basis, the U.S. Forest Service conducts an assessment of the forest health at Camp Fresno. Currently, there are approximately 166 hazard trees that have been identified and marked by the U.S. Forest Service for removal. These trees pose an increased fire hazard if they are not cut down and removed from the campsite. The project is to remove these hazard trees safely and effectively, ensuring proper tree felling, log and stump removal, slash treatment, site restoration, and the implementation of traffic control measures throughout the

entire process. The proposed project involves no significant alteration of the campgrounds and will adhere to the recommendations of the U.S. Forest Service to remove the identified diseased and drought-impacted trees that have been negatively affected by environmental conditions for purposes of maintaining the existing facilities. This project does not include the removal of healthy, mature trees. Given these facts, this project qualifies for categorical exemptions pursuant to both Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15304/Class 4 of the CEQA Guidelines.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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