#### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Siskiyou County

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Title: PBCS/WCB Roots Program: Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on Working Lands

Applicant: Siskiyou Resource Conservation District

Project Location: 42N, 9W Sec. 35, 36

City: Etna, CA County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the removal of hazardous fencing, an upland tree/shrub planting, the installation of wildlife structures, and noxious weed abatement. The planting will consist of native upland trees and shrubs, irrigated by above-ground pipe, and protected from browsing by wire fencing. Wildlife structures will include raptor perches, wood duck boxes, songbird boxes, barn owl boxes, and bat boxes. These structures will be situated in locations that will enhance foraging and nesting opportunities for the target species. Noxious weed abatement will consist of the manual removal of dyers woad and starthistle from a specified area.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance habitat in a corridor that links the Scott River, the valley floor, and the uplands to the east.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (approving), Point Blue Conservation Science (implementation).

#### **Exempt Status:**

- Class 4 CCR § 15304)
- Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects (CCR § 15333)

Reasons Project is Exempt: Additional environmental analysis was conducted by PBCS Biologist/Project Specialist regarding proposed project effects on rare, threatened and endangered plants; threatened, endangered and special status wildlife species; and cultural resources. PBCS has reviewed these reports and determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits, including habitat improvement for wildlife and pollinators, fuel reduction, and reduction in noxious invasive species. There will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats. There will be no significant adverse impacts to soils, hydrology, or water quality. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site. The project will avoid all archeological resource sites. The project will not result in cumulatively significant impacts. The project will have no significant adverse effect on the environment.



## Point Blue Conservation Science Environmental Review Report for an Exempt Project

Note: This report form is intended for use by Point Blue Conservation Science (PBCS) staff to document a limited environmental impact analysis supporting the filing of a Notice of Exemption (NOE) document for a proposed PBCS Roots program project. Although the project appears to fit within the descriptions for allowable Categorical Exemptions, this report presents PBCS's review for possible "Exceptions" that would preclude finding the project to be categorically exempt as discussed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. This report will be filed with the CEQA administrative record for this project to document the environmental impact analysis conducted by PBCS and in support of final CEQA determination by the lead filing agency.

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Project Name: PBCS/WCB Roots Program: Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on	Working L	ands
Project Number: Roots 141		
Program Type: Habitat enhancement and restoration		
County: Siskiyou		
Legal Location: Township 42N Range 9W Section(s) 35, 36		
USGS 7.5' Quad: McConaughy Gulch		
Attachment(s):		
✓ Project Topographic Location Map Other:		
Project Detail Map Other:		
✓ CDFW RareFind Report		
CNDDB Map Other:		
Other Dublic Agency Devices/Permit Required		
Other Public Agency Review/Permit Required:	YES	NO
Would the project result in:	YES	NO
Would the project result in:  Alterations to a watercourse (DFW - Lake and Stream Alteration Agreement)	YES	<b>V</b>
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Project Description and Environmental Setting (Describe the project activities, project site and its surroundings, its location, and the environmental setting):

#### **Proposed Project Location**

The proposed location is a ranch near Etna, in the Scott Valley of western Siskiyou County. The project site spans the valley bottom, from the east bank of the Scott River, up to an appoximate elevation of 3,100'.

### Existing Condition/Need for Proposed Project

Biodiversity conservation cannot be achieved through land preservation alone. Stewardship of California's working landscapes, which comprise 40% of California, for wildlife, fish, pollinator, and other biodiversity benefits is critical to stabilizing wildlife populations and preventing extinction. This project will improve wildlife habitat and contribute to the landscape goal of biodiversity conservation.

#### **Proposed Action**

Point Blue Conservation Science (PBCS) received a block grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for a collaborative project that will enable PBCS staff from across California to work with private landowners with the overall goal to co-create, manage, and implement projects that will maximize benefits of working landscapes to wildlife, fish, and pollinators.

The project consists of the removal of hazardous fencing, an upland tree/shrub planting, the installation of wildlife structures, and noxious weed abatement. The planting will consist of native upland trees and shrubs, irrigated by above-ground pipe, and protected from browsing by wire fencing. Wildlife structures will include raptor perches, wood duck boxes, songbird boxes, barn owl boxes, and bat boxes. These structures will be situated in locations that will enhance foraging and nesting opportunities for the target species. Noxious weed abatement will consist of the manual removal of dyers woad and starthistle from a specified area.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance habitat in a corridor that links the Scott River, the valley floor, and the uplands to the east.

Total project area: 16.73 acres.

Area of soil disturbance: 0.2 acres.

Proposed project activities include:

Removing aproximately 4,925 feet of hazardous fencing

Establishing 100 trees and 200 shrubs and plant protection to deter browsing

Installing 1,060 feet of irrigation line to irrigate planting

Installing 2 barn owl boxes on ranch buildings

Installing 2 free-standing raptor perches

Installing 5 free-standing small bird nest boxes

Installing 3 free-standing wood duck boxes

Installing 2 bat houses; one free-standing, one mounted to ranch building

Manual removal of dyers woad and yellow starthistle from 5.98 acres

### **Environmental Impact Analysis**

Provide detail only if saying yes.

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Aesthetics									
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☑ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:									
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The existing visual character of project sites and surroundings is expected to improve environmental conditions that favor native flora and fauna, creating better opportunities to view native plants and wildlife. PBCS has determined that the project will not cause adverse impacts to aesthetic values.									
Agriculture and Forest Resources									
☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.									
☑ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:									
☐ Yes ☑ No Would any trees be felled? If yes, discuss protection of nesting birds and compliance with									
Forestry Practice Rules.									
☐ Yes ☐ No Would the project convert any prime or unique farmland?									
☐ Yes ☐ No Would the project result in the conversion of forest land or timberland to non-forest use?									
This project will not convert any agriculture, rangeland, or forest resources or cause significant potential impacts to these resources. PBCS has determined that the project will not cause adverse impacts to agriculture, rangeland, or forest resources.									
Project treatment is expected to benefit forest and rangeland by promoting native grasses and forbs and reducing non-native invasive plant species.  Project treatments are expected to benefit agricultural (crop) resources by promoting pollinators.									
Air Quality  This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.									
This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.  This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:									
PBCS has determined that, overall, the effect of the project on air quality will be less than significant.									
The present will involve the use of equipment and will not include burning of vegetation/biomass. A minor									
The project will involve the use of equipment and will not include burning of vegetation/biomass. A minor amount of dust and fumes will be created by running equipment and power tools, and by accessing the project areas by vehicle.									

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Biological Resources	
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☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment	
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☐ Yes ☒ No Will the project potentially affect biological resources?	
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☐ Yes ☑ No Was a biological survey of the project area completed? Results d	liscussed below.
An assessment of threatened, endangered, rare, and special-status wildlife specinatural communities occurring or potentially occurring in the project area was cassessment included a records search for threatened, endangered, rare, and spand communities using the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Californi Database (CNDDB & Spotted Owl Observation Database - BIOS; CDFW 2023), Tracovered a 3-mile buffer around the proposed project location.	ecial status species a Natural Diversity
The overall goal of the project is habitat enhancement and restoration in support wildlife species. PBCS has determined that the project, as designed, will provide pollinators, wildlife, plant species and natural communities and that there will be impacts of the project on these biological resources.	a net benefit for native
A number of special-status wildlife and plant species and the habitats that suppossible special-status natural communities, have been detected within a 3-mile buffer of and may occur or have the potential to occur in the project treatment areas (See Status Species Records Search Results). These species and the operational methem from significant impacts are discussed below.	the proposed project Attachment A: Specia
Wildlife	ř
If any special-status wildlife species are detected prior to or during project imple biologist and/or CDFW will be consulted to determine an appropriate avoidance nests, bat roosting or nursery sites are located, they will be protected by a buffer consultation with the project biologist. To the extent feasible, disturbance of pot mis-sized mammals will be avoided. For any work near streams, wetlands, ripari	strategy. If any bird or to be determined in cential dens of large or
pools, BMPs will be employed to ensure no impacts to these resources.	
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Plants If any rare plants are identified during project activities, they will be flagged and avoided. For any work implemented in or near streams, wetlands, riparian areas, or vernal pools, BMPs will be employed to avoid unintentionally importing non-native invasive species into project sites. Plantings and seeding will use only native species obtained from reputable native plant nurseries. Planting or seeding will not be implemented in any areas containing rare or special status plant species.
Natural Communities The proposed project will be implemented in a manner that minimizes adverse effects and overall project effects are beneficial to designated critical habitat.
Cultural Resources
☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
☑ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
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☐ Yes ☑ No Was a current archaeological records check completed?
A current archaeological records check will not be performed prior to preparation of a CEQA Notice of Exemption. However, site-specific archaeological records check will be completed prior to implementation of any treatments with the potential for ground disturbance or other potential impacts to archaeological, historic, or cultural resources.
☐ Yes ☑No Was a Staff or Contract Archaeologist consulted??
Based on results of site-specific archaeological records check, a contract Archaeologist will be consulted to ensure cultural resources and historic properties are appropriately considered in planning.
☐ Yes ☐ No Was an archaeological survey of the project area completed?
Based on results of site-specific archaeological records check, and in consultation with contract Archaeologist, a survey of the specific project sites prior to any ground-disturbing activities will be completed.
☐ Yes ☑No Will the project affect any historic buildings or archaeological site?
If a cultural resource site is discovered within a project area during operations, the following applies: 1. Project activities within 100 feet of the newly discovered cultural resource should be immediately halted until the a contract Archaeologist can be contacted and ensure avoidance of the site. Project activities may continue outside this 100-foot perimeter during the identification and avoidance process. 2. If the newly discovered site has been negatively impacted by project operations, a contract Archaeologist will be notified to assist in development of protection

measures and any necessary remediation. 3. The contract Archaeologist will ensure the newly discovered site is recorded and its discovery and protection measures are documented in the project files. 4. If the newly discovered site is a Native American Archaeological or tribal cultural resource (defined in the Forest Practice Rules and CEQA), the contract Archaeologist will notify the appropriate Native American tribal group and the NAHC, if appropriate.
PBCS has determined that there will be no significant adverse impacts of the project on historic, archaeological, or cultural resources.
Geology and Soils
☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
Project implementation will avoid any unstable land features that are identified in the project area. Proposed treatments will not significantly impair soil quality. Field vehicles and equipment will not be used on soils when the moisture content is at/above field capacity, and will not be allowed within 50 feet of watercourses. This will enable existing buffer strips of vegetation to protect watercourses from soil erosion. PBCS has determined that there will be no significant adverse impacts of the project on geology or soils.
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Greenhouse Gas Emissions
This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below
☐ Yes ☐ No Would the project generate significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
The project will generate a small amount of GHG emissions from the use of gas-powered equipment, which could include field vehicles, gas-powered hand tools, and larger speciality equipment. Local air quality regulations will be followed to minimize emissions. PBCS has determined that this project, as proposed, will have no significant adverse impact on the annual release of GHGs.
☐ Yes ☒ No Would these GHG emissions result in a significant impact on the environment?
No. See above.

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	☐ Yes ☐ No Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the
	purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?
	No, this project does not conflict with the State of California's plan to reduce atmospheric carbon or greenhouse gas emissions.
	Hazards and Hazardous Materials  ☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
	☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
	Gasoline and diesel fuel will be used for vehicles, equipment and handheld equipment. Refueling of vehicles and equipment shall occur on existing roads to the extent feasible, and at least 100 feet from watercourses. PBCS has determined that project, if implemented as proposed, will not result in significant adverse impacts regarding hazards and hazardous materials.
	Hydrology and Water Quality
	This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
	. ☐ Yes ☑ No Will the project potentially affect any watercourse or body of water?
	☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
	Proposed treatments will not significantly impair hydrology or water quality. Vehicles and equipment will only be allowed on established roads to the extent feasible, and will not be used on soils when the moisture content is at/above field capacity, and will not be allowed within 50 feet of watercourses. All staging areas for vehicles and equipment shall avoid watercourses and wetland, riparian, and stream channel habitats. Refueling of vehicles and equipment shall occur on existing roads to the extent feasible, and at least 100 feet from watercourses. This will enable existing buffer strips of vegetation to protect watercourses from soil erosion. PBCS has determined that there will be no significant adverse impacts to hydrology or water quality.
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	Land Use and Planning  ☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
	This project does not conflict with any land use or planning or change the land use designation for any parcel.
	☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:

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Mineral Resources  ☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
There are no known or related mineral resources or extraction as part of this project, and the project does not restrict access for any future mineral extraction activities.
☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
Noise  ☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.  ☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
The project will include the operation of chainsaws, mechanized equipment, and vehicles which will produce noise that may be audible to landowners near the project areas. The additional noise will be limited to the period of project implementation, which will be of short duration. It is PBCS's determination that the projects will not cause significant adverse noise levels.
Population and Housing  ☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
This project has no applicability to population and housing issues for the project location.
☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
Public Services  ☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
This project is intended to enhance and restore habitat for wildlife and pollinators, and will not affect public services.
Recreation
☐ This topic does not apply to a project of this type and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided below:
The existing visual character of project sites and surroundings is expected to improve environmental conditions that favor native flora and fauna, creating better opportunities to view native plants and wildlife, and thus improving recreational experiences. PBCS has determined that the project will not cause adverse impacts to recreation.

	Transportation/Traffic		e <sup>i</sup>
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	☑ This topic could apply to a project of this type, and results of the assessment are provided	l below:	
The state of the s	Minimal increases in traffic along adjacent public roads could occur as a result of equipment operators, and hand crews accessing project areas. This increase in traffic will insignificant as the regional roads have been designed to accommodate the anticipatraffic. As such, the project as proposed will not cause significant changes transportation traffic patterns and frequencies.	be mind ated lev	vel of
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	Project Design Features That Avoid Environmental Impacts:		
	Adverse environmental impacts have been avoided through careful review of site condito treatment method determination. Site soils, slope, habitat, and water resources were the examined during project design and layout. Equipment has been minimized on slopes over excluded from watercourses to provide for soil and water resource protection, as well as a sensitive habitats and organisms. All water features have been afforded protection from exceptable for the establishment of watercourse protection zones. Sensitive plants and have been identified during the site-specific scoping process and the project as designed watersely affect them. Sensitive cultural resources will be surveyed for prior to implementate project has been designed to have no impact on them.	orougnly 35% and orotection quipment d wildlin vill not	/ d on of nt fe
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	Mandatory Findings of Significance:	YES	NO
	(a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		
•	(b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)		
	(c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse		$\boxtimes$

Justification for Use of a Categorical Exemption (discuss why the project is exempt, cite exemption number(s), and describe how the project fits the class): Based on no effects, negative, or cumulative impacts to natural resources, and a greenhouse gas benefit, this project fits within a Categorical Exemption.

This review of the Class 4 exemption (CCR Section §15304) covers minor alterations to land. PBCS has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in minor alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions.

This review of the Class 33 exemption (CCR Section §15333) covers small habitat restoration projects. PBCS has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife not to exceed five acres in size.

Additional environmental analysis was conducted by PBCS Biologist/Project Specialist regarding proposed project effects on rare, threatened and endangered plants; threatened, endangered and proposed project effects on rare, threatened and endangered plants; threatened, endangered and

Additional environmental analysis was conducted by PBCS Biologist/Project Specialist regarding proposed project effects on rare, threatened and endangered plants; threatened, endangered and special status wildlife species; and cultural resources. PBCS has reviewed these reports and determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits, including habitat improvement for wildlife and pollinators, fuel reduction, and reduction in noxious invasive species. There will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats. There will be no significant adverse impacts to soils, hydrology, or water quality. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site. The project will avoid all archeological resource sites. The project will not result in cumulatively significant impacts. The project will have no significant adverse effect on the environment.

#### Conclusion:

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the descriptions for the various classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA, PBCS has determined that the project fits within one or more of the exemption classes. PBCS has also determined that no exceptions exist which would preclude the use of this exemption, such as: (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant effects on the environment, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of any historical resource. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county Clerk-Recorder and with the State Clearinghouse.

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA, PBCS has determined that the project does not fit within the description for the various exemption classes or has found that exceptions exist at the project site which precludes the use of a Categorical Exemption for this project. Additional environmental review will be conducted and the appropriate CEQA document used may be a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Signed:

Evan Senf

#### REFERENCES:

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### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

# FISH and WILDLIFE RareFind

Query Summary: BIOS Selection

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Falco mexicanus	prairie falcon	Birds	ABNKD06090	451	1	None	None	G5	S4	null	CDFW_WL-Watch List, IUCN_LC- Least Concern	scrub, Mojavean desert scrub Sonoran desert scrub Valley &
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Riparia riparia	bank swallow	Birds	ABPAU08010	299	2	None	Threatened	G5	S3.	nuİl	BLM_S-Sensitive, IUCN_LC-Least Concern	Riparian scrub, Riparian woodland
Balsamorhiza lanata	woolly balsamroot	Dicots	PDAST11047	44	1	None	None	G3	S3	1B.2	BLM_S-Sensitive, SB_CalBG/RSABG- California/Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Cismontane woodland
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Chaenactis suffrutescens	Shasta chaenactis	Dicots	PDAST200H0	38	1	None	None	G2G3	S2S3	1B.3	BLM_S-Sensitive, SB_BerrySB-Berry Seed Bank, USFS_S-Sensitive	forest, Ultramafic, Upper montane
8 8 8 8												coniferous forest
Eriogonum umbellatum var. lautum	Scott Valley buckwheat	Dicots	PDPGN086UX	2	1	None	None	G5T1	S1 ·	1B.1	SB_UCSC-UC Santa Cruz	Cismontane woodland, Lower montane coniferous forest
Galium serpenticum ssp. scotticum	Scott Mountain bedstraw	Dicots	PDRUB0N1Y6	52	1	None	None	G4G5T2	S2	1B.2	BLM_S-Sensitive, SB_CalBG/RSABG- Callfornia/Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Lower montane coniferous forest, Ultramafic
				a :								Closed-cone coniferous forest, Lowe montane
Phacelia greenei	Scott Valley phacelia	Dicots	PDHYD0C1V0	24	3	None	None	G2	S2.	1B.2	BLM_S-Sensitive, USFS_S-Sensitive	coniferous forest, Subalpine coniferous forest,
												Ultramafic, Upper montane coniferous forest
	.:											Lower montane
Sidalcea oregana ssp. eximia	coast checkerbloom	Dicots	PDMAL110K9	19	1	None -	None .	G5T1	S1	1B.2	BLM_S-Sensitive	coniferous forest, Meadow & seep, North coast
		8 "										coniferous forest, Wetland

19/29, 11.56 AM.												
Botrychium pinnatum	northwestern moonwort	Ferns	PPOPH010V0	8	1	None	None	<b>G</b> 5	S1	2B.3	USFS_S-Sensitive	Lower montane coniferous forest, Meadow & seep, Upper montane coniferous forest
Bombus occidentalis	western bumble bee	Insects	IIHYM24252	306	1	None	Candidate Endangered	G3 .	S1	null .	IUCN_VU- Vulnerable, USFS_S-Sensitive	nuil
Erethizon dorsatum	North American porcupine	Mammals	AMAFJ01010	523	2	None	None	<b>G</b> 5	S3	null	IUCN_LC-Least Concern	Broadleaved upland forest, Cismontane woodland, Closed-cone coniferous forest, Lower montane coniferous forest, North coast coniferous forest, Upper montane coniferous forest, Upper montane coniferous forest coniferous forest
Pekania pennanti	Fisher	Maṃmals	AMAJF01020	555	1	None	None	G5	S2S3	null	BLM_S-Sensitive, CDFW_SSC- Species of Special Concern, IUCN_LC- Least Concern, USFS_S-Sensitive	North coast coniferous forest, Oldgrowth, Riparian forest

# Project Detail Map

Project: Roots 141

USGS Quad: MCCONAUGHY GULCH Location: T 42N R 9W Section 35, 36

County: Siskiyou

Point Blue Conservation Science WCB Roots Program

Roots Liaison: Andrew Bertotti

Date: 20/11/2024



### Type

☐ Barn Owl Box

Bird Nest Box w/pole

Raptor Perch

Wood Duck Box w/pole

Legend

- Fence Removal

Upper\_Planting

Lower Planting

Noxious Weed Abatement

--- Irrigation Line

Approx Scale: 1:12,750 when printed on 8-1/2 x 11 paper

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 Miles

# **Project Location Map**

Project: Roots 141

USGS Quad: MCCONAUGHY GULCH Location: T 42N R 9W Sections 35, 36 APN(s): 023-080-070, 023-080-260, 023-080-330

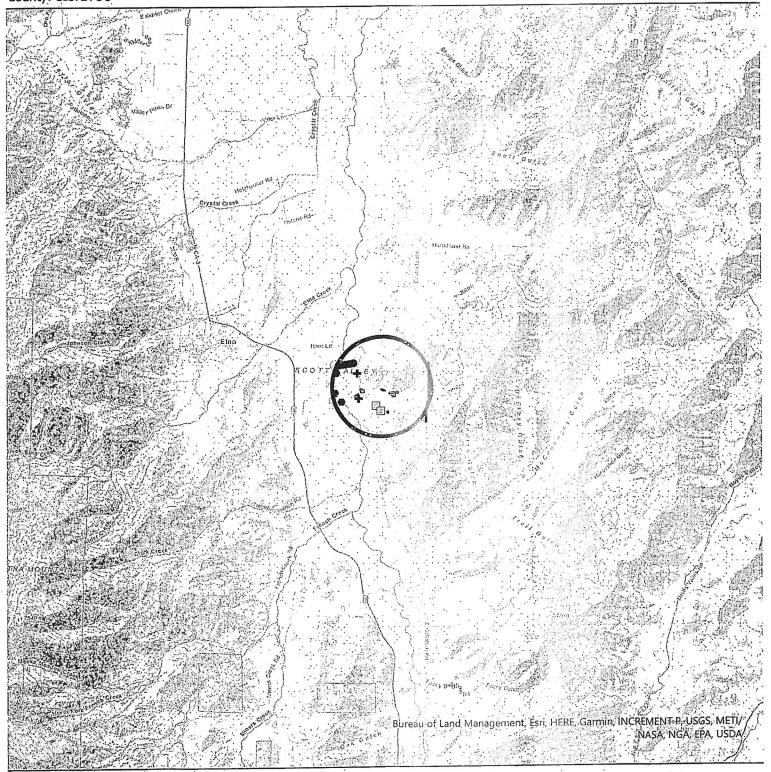
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WCB Roots Program

Roots Liaison: Andrew Bertotti

Date: 20/11/2024





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# Project Area Map for Cultural Resources Review

Project: Roots 141

USGS Quad: MCCONAUGHY GULCH Location: T 42N R 9W Section 35, 36

Point Blue Conservation Science WCB Roots Program

Roots Liaison: Andrew Bertotti

Date: 13/01/2024



Legend

Total Project Area Acres: 16.73

Project\_Area

Approx Scale 1:24,000 when printed on  $8-1/2 \times 11$  paper

0.13 0.25

0.5 0.75

Miles

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# **CNDDB** Map

Project: Roots 141

USGS Quad: MCCONAUGHY GULCH Location: T 42N R 9W Section 35, 36

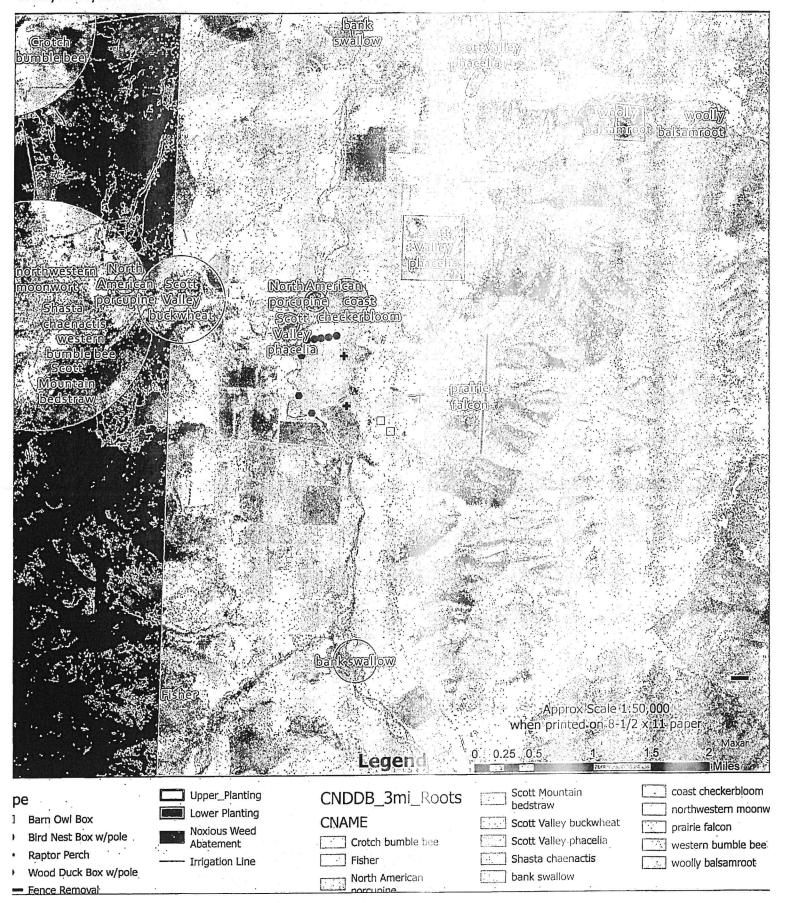
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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL		DATE	
SISKIYOU RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT			02/26/2025	
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING			DOCUMENT I	NUMBER
SISKIYOU COUNTY			2025-47-009	
PROJECT TITLE	W			
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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT		PHONE NUMI	BER
SISKIYOU RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT				
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
P.O. BOX 268	ETNA	CA	96027	
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)				
☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District	★ Other Special District	☐ State A	gency	Private Entity
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:				
□ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)		\$ 4,123.50 \$		
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)		\$ 2,968.75 \$		
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment do	ue directly to CDFW	\$ 1,401.75 \$		
■ Exempt from fee				
■ Notice of Exemption (attach)				
□ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)				
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt co	ору)			
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☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resour	ces Control Board only)	\$ 850.00 <sup>\$</sup>	M-110 1100 1100 1100 1100 1100 1100 1100	50.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		\$ 50.00 \$		50.00
☐ Other		\$	-	

COPY - LEAD AGENCY COPY - COUNTY CLERK DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Dana Brooks Deputy Clerk

50.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

SIGNATURE

☐ Cash ☐ Credit

☐ Other 1003

ENDORSED-D. BROOKS

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On <u>2/26/25</u> , (Date)	Evan Sen (Name)	filed an application						
for development with the 5	Name of City)	Before the application						
is accepted as complete for processing, fees in the following amount(s) must be deposited with								
the County Clerk.	<i>t</i>							
	Clerk Processing Fee	\$50.00						
	Negative Declaration	\$2,968.75*						
·	EIR	\$4,123.50						
Ø	Categorically Exempt	\$0.00						
	Statutorily Exempt	\$0.00						
. 🗆	Fee Exemption issued by the DFG	\$0.00						
, , <u> </u>	Other	\$						
No project shall be operative Code §21089 (b)	e, vested or final until the required fee is paid.	Public Resources						
On Felo. 26,25, Sisti	you RCD deposited \$	<u>50,00</u>						
with the Siskiyou County Cl	erkENDORSED-D. BROOKS	·						
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Application No. WA (To be completed when appl	Receipt # 20 ication is received for processing)	25002997/ -0426/2025-009						

<sup>\*</sup> If it is determined by Siskiyou County that the fee required for a Negative Declaration does not apply to your project a refund will be granted.

2025 Fee.Form