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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Equipment Standard

Mandatory Compliance

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**CCV Exhaust System Exemption
(Vehicles prior to 1993)**

All camp crew vehicles (CCV) are certified Class 1 truck/bus – constructed to meet state and federal regulations for transportation of people.

For situations in which the completed truck/bus does not comply with the regulations, or in which the regulations are ambiguous when applied to CDF's use, the Department petitions the California Highway Patrol for an exemption.

This exemption is for all CCVs constructed prior to 1993. Section 1261(e), Title 13, California Code of Regulation was revised in 1991, changing the requirements for exhaust system discharge and its relationship to crew compartment side windows.

The following contains the exemption (No. MC 92-1). In the exemption, CCVs are referred to as Conservation Fire Crew Buses (CFCB).

For questions and window labels, please contact your local fleet manager.

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Exemption No.: MC 92-1

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This letter constitutes an exemption from the requirements of Section 1261(e), Title 13, California Code of Regulations (13 CCR), to allow the continued operation of conservation and fire crew buses (CFCBs) with exhaust systems that discharge to the side below the window(s). This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

1. Vehicles exempted: CFCBs operated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

2. The distance from the bottom portion of the side windows to the top of the exhaust discharge outlet shall be no less than 60 inches.
3. Side windows directly above and to the rear of the exhaust discharge outlet shall remain closed except during an emergency and shall display a label reading "DO NOT OPEN - EMERGENCY USE ONLY".
4. A copy of this exemption shall be carried in each CFCB at all times and shall be presented to any authorized employee of the Department of the California Highway Patrol or any peace officer upon request.

This exemption is nontransferable and may be rescinded at any time for good cause. This exemption is granted pursuant to 13 CCR Section 1202(f) under authority of California Vehicle Code Section 34501.

Very truly yours,

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