

Notice of Determination

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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019110389
Project Title: Jordan Fire Trail Improvement Project
Project Applicant: University of California, Berkeley
Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Berkeley
Project Location: University of California, Berkeley, Hill Campus
County: Alameda County

Project Description: UC Berkeley proposes to conduct the Jordan Fire Trail Improvement Project (Project) from September 7, 2021, through April 1, 2022, as described in the Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan (WVFMP) and consistent with the fuel management activities evaluated in the WVFMP Environmental Impact Report. Vegetation treatment would focus on removing trees that could potentially block access if they fall across the fire trail and vegetation that could burn with intensity that would prevent safe passage. The Project comprises approximately 85 acres in the Hill Campus and would involve vegetation removal conducted along a strip of land up to 100 feet from the edge of both sides of Jordan Fire Trail. Roughly 3,100 trees, comprising primarily blue gum eucalyptus, pine, cypress and California bay, with a diameter larger than 10 inches, could be removed. UC Berkeley would remove any tree located along and within 100 feet adjacent to either side of portions of Jordan Fire Trail that is either unhealthy and determined by a registered professional forester to be dead or in poor or fair condition, regardless of species type or maturity, or that is taller than 100 feet or located so that in a fire it could fall, blocking vehicle and pedestrian access along the fire trail.

The Project is part of on-going fuel management activities UC Berkeley implements in the Hill Campus. The proposed Project is a preventative measure to support emergency evacuation and access along Jordan Fire Trail in the event of a landslide, wildfire, earthquake, or other need for evacuation or emergency access.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on *August 2, 2021*, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2019110389) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at: <https://capitalstrategies.berkeley.edu/hill-campus>


Signature: Wendy Hillis
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Date: August 2, 2021

Date Received for Filing at OPR: