

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Bear Creek Lower Meadow Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0168-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located on Bear Creek, a tributary to the Truckee River, on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Placer County, CA. The project is entirely on parcels managed by the Tahoe National Forest.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0168-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Truckee River Watershed Council.

Routine maintenance work, as described in this Agreement includes the following: removing debris, vegetation, rubbish, downed trees, and other material that could obstruct the natural flow; controlling weeds, grasses, emergent vegetation, and woody vegetation; repairing and maintaining culverts, bridges, and small structures; making repairs to control erosion and stabilize banks; and other work necessary to maintain the functional and structural integrity of waterways.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Truckee River Watershed Council

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Bear Creek Lower Meadow Restoration Project does not exceed 5 acres in size; there are no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to Section 15065; there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed; 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 is intended to maintain, restore, enhance, and protect habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife by restoring an approximate reach of 3,000 feet of Bear Creek through montane meadow restoration.

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