

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
P.O. Box 944209
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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Judah Grossman

Project Title: June Mountain Forest Restoration, Project ID: 2019259

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: June Mountain Ski Area in the Inyo National Forest in June Lake, Mono County.

Project Location: City: June Lake, CA

Project Location: County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project's goal is to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15073):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15071 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15071 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. WCB would provide funding for fuel reduction on 165.5 acres of federal land within the Inyo National Forest. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA in the June Mountain Vegetation Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The final Decision Notice for the EA/FONSI was signed by the Plumas National Forest on June 6, 2012. In 2020, the US Forest Service reviewed the EA/FONSI and certified that the NEPA analysis adequately addresses current site conditions and project impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes (by this notice) No

Signature:  FFB2B729029842B...

Date: 8/26/2020 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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