

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Notice Date: September 4, 2020

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION****Project Name: Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park 2020/2021 Fuel Reduction Project**

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and Department procedures, notification is hereby given to responsible and trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below.

Project Location: Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park, Madera County

Project Description: The Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park 2020/2021 Fuel Reduction Project (the "Project") area is in Madera County approximately 7 miles northwest of Oakhurst, California. The proposed project area is primarily on the Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park property owned by Madera County and may also include some privately-owned property surrounding the County-owned park. The purpose of the Project is intended to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire events, which contribute to climate change inducing emissions of greenhouse gasses. The project will consist of establishing a series of shaded fuelbreaks via tree thinning and pruning, and brush removal. Slash will be treated or removed through pile burning, mastication, or lop and scatter. A fire line will also be installed along the entire southern border of the property as well as portions of the eastern and western boundaries.

Public Review Dates: The draft mitigated negative declaration will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. The review period begins on September 4, 2020 and ends on October 5, 2020. Written comments regarding the contents of the mitigated negative declaration should be sent to:

Contact Person:

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Staff Chief, Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection
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Location of Documents: The mitigated negative declaration and related documents are available for review at CAL FIRE, 1416 9th St, 15th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Contact person is Len Nielson, Staff Chief, Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection.

The Notice of Intent will be posting at the following locations:

Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park
43469 Highway 49
Ahwahnee, CA 93601

The Notice of Intent will also be posted on and off site in the area where the project is to be located.