

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
P.O. Box 944209
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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Adam Ballard

Project Title: Trapper Forest Health Restoration, Project ID: 2021062

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: The center of the Project area is located approximately five miles northeast of Camptonville, on public lands in the Tahoe National Forest (estimated Project center: 39.485503, - 120.967644).

Project Location - City: Camptonville

Project Location - County: Sierra and Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will implement ground-based fuels treatments including hand cutting, hand thinning, and hand piling small-diameter trees over 1,308 acres in the Tahoe National Forest, in the Yuba River watershed. The small-diameter trees are located in overstocked forests, which are in an unhealthy condition. These forest restoration treatments will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, enhance stream flow, and improve ecosystem health.

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:

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption:
- Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is statutorily exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1), as the Project involves hand cutting, hand thinning, and hand piling small-diameter trees undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA review for the work to be conducted under the Project was completed through the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Trapper Project prepared by U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest and signed on December 16, 2020.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

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: DocuSigned by:
John P. Donnelly
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Date: 4/22/2021

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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WCB Board Meeting Folder