

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Nevada
950 Maidu Ave
Nevada City, CA 95959

From: (Public Agency): Truckee Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 2768
Truckee, CA 96160
(Address)

Project Title: South Tahoe Donner Fuel Reduction

Project Applicant: Tahoe Donner Association

Project Location - Specific:
Portions of Sections 7 & 8, T17N R16E -MDM

Project Location - City: Truckee Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Thinning, chipping, and mastication are the fuels reduction treatments proposed throughout the project area. The prescription includes motor/manual thinning of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) conifers and shrubs that are adjacent to Bermgarten Road on approximately 82 acres. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels which will aim to reduce future fire severity. Cut materials will be bucked and carried to a tracked chipper then chipped and broadcasted on site. In accessible areas with gentle slopes, a masticator will be utilized for reduction of surface fuel (brush and small trees). No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed by this project pursuant to section 15304 of CEQA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Truckee Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tahoe Donner Association

- Exempt Status: (check one):
[] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304, Class 4- Minor Alterations To Land
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project involves removal of small diameter understory trees and brush species to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of forest fuels. The project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of hand thinning, chipping, and mastication. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. This project will not convert forestland to non-forest uses, and all treated vegetation will have the ability to grow back. The Truckee Fire Protection District has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed by this project pursuant to section 15304 of CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Dillon Sheedy- RPF #3175 Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-536-8020

- 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 No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/31/2022 Title: Forester - RPF #3175
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.