

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**Form F**

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Amador County Ingress, Egress and Education PlanLead Agency: CALFIREContact Name: Patrick McDaniel, Vegetation Management Program, CAL FIRE, Amador El Dorado UnitEmail: Patrick.McDaniel@fire.ca.govPhone Number: (530) 647-5288Project Location: (unincorporated rural areas in Amador County)
*City*Amador County
County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

This project involves the clearance of roadside vegetation (fuels) on private roads within unincorporated regions in Amador County, California. All roadside vegetation up to 10 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) shall be removed within 20 feet of road edge on either side. This distance may be reduced in locations where fences exist within this 20-foot zone. The fuels reduction shall be done by a combination of CAL FIRE Pine Grove Camp crews and private contractors. The work to be done with private contractors may include the hand cutting and chipping of vegetation or the mastication of vegetation on-site by means of a mechanical masticator. This mastication will be "reach-in" mastication only.

The goal of this project is to provide for safe ingress and egress of vehicles and equipment in the event of a large wildfire.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

This project would involve only the treatment of roadside vegetation, and would result in no ground-disturbing activities of any kind. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board commented on this project and had no issues or concerns.

There are a number of sensitive plant and wildlife species present in the region. None of these are present directly on the project area. Given the proximity of this project to know sensitive species, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife commented on the project, and had several proposed edits to the document. Those edits were made. They also recommended potential mitigations to prevent impacts to raptors and other species. Those recommendations were incorporated into the document. Additional pre-construction surveys will be conducted in the project area to prevent potential impacts to sensitive species.

The region has a large number of known cultural sites. Tribal consultation letters were sent to all tribes on the NAHC Tribal Contract list. A AB52 Tribal Consultation was initiated with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) on April 19, 2022. An NCIC Records Search was obtained for the entire region. The entire project areas will be re-surveyed for cultural sites, with a high-intensity search in all areas that may contain pre-historic cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been developed to protect cultural sites.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

All California Department of Fish and Wildlife recommendations for the protection of all species of concern have been incorporated into this IS/MND. No further areas of controversy related to species protection are known to exist at this time.

No other areas of controversy are known to exist at this time

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board