

**State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Sierra District  
P.O. Box 299  
Tahoma, CA 96141

**PROJECT TITLE:** Grover Forest and Fire Management

**LOCATION:** Grover Hot Springs State Park      **COUNTY:** Alpine

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Implement forest thinning, chipping, biomass removal, and pile and understory burning at Grover Hot Springs State Park to reduce hazardous fuels, improve defensible space to protect life and property, promote large tree resilience, and increase vegetative and structural diversity. Work will:

- Use heavy equipment and hand tools to thin 153 acres of forest land;
- Create defensible spaces of up to 100-ft around structures;
- Remove logs suitable for firewood and chip and remove remaining slash;
- Install five (5) temporary landings (each approx. 120-ft by 120-ft, located on a greater than 10% slope) for project duration and then remove after project completion;
- Restore all temporary vehicle/tractor off-road routes created for the proposed project work;
- Construct, and then prescribe burn, piles dispersed throughout the 153-acre project footprint;
- Understory burn at least 19 acres with the possibility of burning additional acreage;
- Construct approx. 1,822-ft of handline barriers prior to burning and rehabilitate after project completion; and
- Repair or perform maintenance on existing roads, including but not limited to improving or installing drainage features and/or repairing existing paved surfaces.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sierra District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**


Categorical Exemption  
*Class:* 1 & 4

*Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** This project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4

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