



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Headwaters Basin Project, "Headwaters Basin Forest Resilience Project"— Tahoe National Forest		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, and 24, T16N., R14E., MDB&M. USGS Soda Springs, Norden, Granite Chief and Royal Gorge Quadrangles	COUNTY	Placer
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Headwater Basins Project to conduct fuel reduction treatments within a 100-foot buffer along approximately 2.5 miles of the Soda Springs-Baker Ranch Road. The proposed treatments include hand thinning to remove trees and shrubs less than 10 inches DBH within 100 feet from the roadside and will drag the material to the edge of the road and then dispose of the material using a chipper. The project will require hand crews and the use of a tow-behind mobile chipper. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, improve ingress and egress on the road, and generally make the road safer for travel while improving forest resiliency.

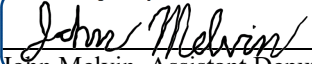
EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA Categorical Exclusion 36 CFR 220.6 d(4) "Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries" on September 6, 2023 by Tahoe National Forest (File #2400).

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