

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

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Shasta County Wildfire Mitigation/Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project #4382

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Project Location: Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) throughout Shasta County

City

County

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

The objective of the project is to reduce hazardous fuels along critical transportation routes within high-priority Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas in Shasta County. The project includes nine Project Activity Areas (PAAs) throughout Shasta County adjacent to public roadways. The maximum potential acreage to be treated would be 8,451 acres. The proposed action consists of removing ground and ladder fuels up to 400 feet from each side of the PAA roadway centerlines, thinning trees to reduce crown closure, removing dead and dying trees within 100 to 200 feet of serviceable roadways or within landscape areas, and after removal activities, applying herbicide at regular intervals to control the future regrowth of unwanted vegetation and maintain an understory canopy without fire-prone fuels. Treatment will focus on reducing vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels; removing competition from small, closely spaced, fire-vulnerable species; and promoting a smaller number of resilient larger trees. Generally, living trees will be spaced to a distance of greater than 30 feet. Both mechanized and manual techniques will be deployed for removal of fuels. The treatment contractor will conduct the hazardous fuel reduction techniques appropriate for each individual parcel.

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

Vegetation removal and herbicide application have the potential to impact biological resources within the project area. In addition, ground disturbance during project activities could result in impacts to cultural or tribal cultural resources.

Special-status plant and wildlife species and sensitive natural communities could occur within the project area. Mitigation measures are included to avoid impacts to these species including pre-treatment botanical surveys to identify and avoid special-status plant species with buffers, herbicide treatment buffers, riparian and wetland identification and exclusion, surveys for special-status amphibians and reptiles and avoidance or relocation of individuals prior to treatment, bat roost humane exclusion, artificial lighting standards, bat roost habitat avoidance, mammal den surveys and implementation of buffers, native milkweed buffer, VELB surveys and buffers, and invasive species management.

Known cultural resources are present within the work area. Management recommendations included in the Archaeological Survey report prepared for the project will be implemented to avoid impacts to known cultural resources, as well as unanticipated discovery of cultural resources and human remains.

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

There are currently no known controversies.

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

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Region 5
Shasta County
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)