

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108*

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Browne Bear Timber Harvest Plan No. 4-22-000177-TUO (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. TUO-35589-R4)

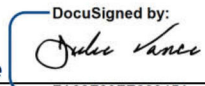
Project Location (include county): Project locations occur in multiple locations of the Boards Crossing, Liberty Hill, Crandall Peak, and Strawberry USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles. All Project activities occur between Beaver Creek and South Fork Griswold Creek in Tuolumne County, California, Townships 4 and 5 North, Ranges 16 and 17 East, and within the following Sections: 02, 08, 07, 13, 16, 21, 17, 18, 19, 21 22, 24, 25, and 35 MDB&M.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. TUO-35589-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Sierra Pacific Industries. Project activities include installation of temporary vented fords, temporary rocked fords, natural fords, construction of a rocked low water crossing, and operations and other activities at water drafting sites, related to the Browne Bear Timber Harvest Plan in Tuolumne County, No. 4-22-00177-TUO.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 11/30/2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Timber Harvest Plan prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act and the California Forest Practice Rules, a CEQA-equivalent California Certified Regulatory Program.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA.

The Timber Harvest Plan prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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Signature _____ **Date:** 11/30/2023
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 Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____