

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

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From:

California Tahoe Conservancy
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Project Title: Basin inventory and monitoring

Project Location – Specific:

Multiple locations throughout the Upper Truckee River (HUC5) and Ward Creek (HUC6) Watersheds. (Exhibit A)

Project Location – City: The Upper Truckee River and Ward Creek watersheds.

Project Location – County: El Dorado and Placer Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The U.S. Forest Service and California Tahoe Conservancy (the Conservancy) are entering into a Collection Agreement to implement inventories and evaluations identified in the Basin Resource Inventory and Evaluation Project. These efforts are focused in the Upper Truckee River (HUC5) and Ward Creek (HUC6) Watersheds. These inventories are needed to determine the status of habitat and sensitive species to provide data for project level analysis and identify where restoration actions are needed. Post-implementation monitoring will allow land managers to determine the success of restoration efforts, identify if adaptive management is needed, and/or where additional restoration actions are warranted.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (§ 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption –Classes 6, § 15306. (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 12102.6.)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

This project consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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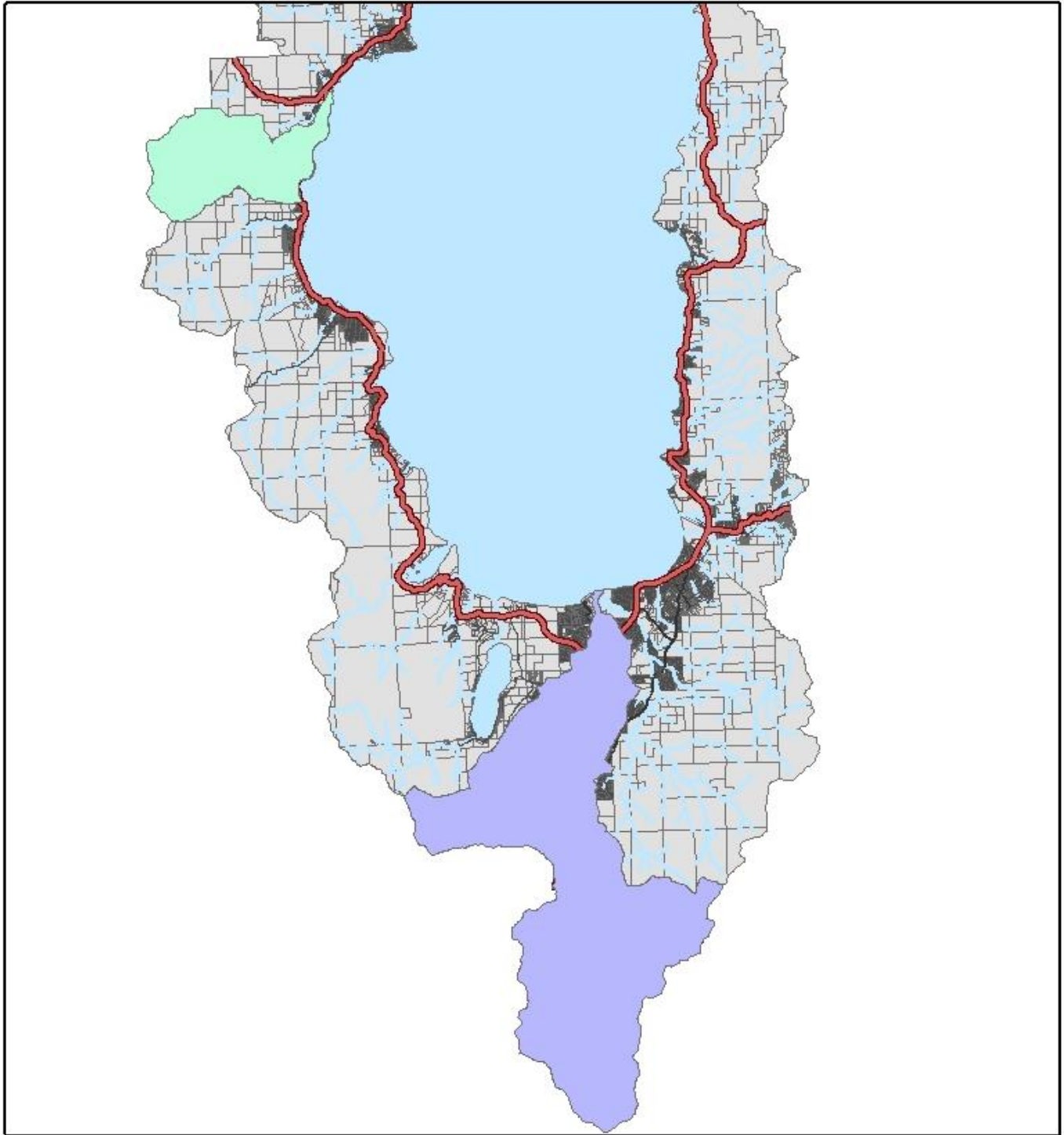
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
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Exhibit A:

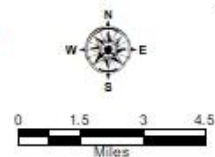
LTBMU Basin Inventory and Monitoring Project



Tahoe_Watersheds

NAME

-  UPPER TRUCKEE RIVER
-  WARD CREEK



Sources:
TRPA, CTC

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*Map for reference
purposes only.