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Project Title: Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction-Wildfire Prevention Grant 5GG20174

Lead Agency: CAL FIRE

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Project Location: Groveland (*City*) Tuolumne (*County*)

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

The Pine Mountain Lake Fuels Reduction (PMLFR) project is intended to treat hazardous fuels loading near the wildland urban interface communities of Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland. The project has been broken into four phases.

Phase I: Manual or mechanical tree felling of dead/hazardous trees. Brush, ladder fuels, and suppressed trees will be targeted for removal, primarily via mastication, with a goal of retaining diverse species and stand structure.
Phase II: Retained trees will be pruned to 1/2 the height of the crown or 8-to-10 feet, whichever is less. Chainsaws and/or pole pruners will be utilized to complete pruning treatment activities. Slash created during this phase will either be broadcast chipped or lopped and scattered.
Phase III: Slash treatment (if required) will be done with tracked or rubber-tired mastication. Areas where machinery is unable to access or is excluded from, slash disposal will be achieved by hand using lop and scatter.
Phase IV: Regenerating vegetation will be treated via herbivory in areas where mastication previously occurred.

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

Surveys for sensitive species (wildlife and botanical) that have the potential to exist in, or immediately adjacent to the project area, will be conducted prior to treatments each year of operations, during the appropriate survey period for each species. Based on potential habitat and/or known occurrences of species, mitigations measures, intended to achieve full avoidance, have been incorporated into the project, specifically for: foothill yellow-legged frog, western pond turtle, great gray owl, bald eagle, California spotted owl, Crotch bumble bee, and sensitive botanical species. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated to any species as a result of project treatment activities. Geologic mitigation measures have been included to ensure no significant adverse impacts will occur as a result of project treatment activities related to use of heavy equipment on steep slopes, excessively wet ground, or within established watercourse protection zones.
Water quality and hydrology will be protected through the establishment of various watercourse classifications (defined in IS-MND) and associated specific operational restrictions, intended to avoid significant adverse impacts to on-site and downstream beneficial uses of water and aquatic habitat.
Archaeological resources (cultural and tribal) have been documented in a confidential Archaeological Survey Report. Mitigation measures (avoidance measures) for any significant cultural or tribal resources have been documented and reviewed by a Professional Archaeologist, contracted though CAL FIRE. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated as a result of project treatment activities.

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 no known areas of controversy known to the lead agency associated with the project. The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District did receive comments and recommendations from both CDFW and USFWS regarding species-specific protection measures for the great gray owl, California spotted owl, and foothill yellow-legged frog. Recommendations have been incorporated into the MND for the project.

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

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is trustee agency involving fish and wildlife resources of the state and designated rare or endangered plants.