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Notice Date: January 17, 2024

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Name: Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project  
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In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and Department procedures, notification is hereby given to responsible and trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below.

**Project Location:** East of Groveland, CA adjacent to the community of Pine Mountain Lake in Tuolumne County. The project boundary is described as portions of sections 13, 23, 24, 25 & 26 T1S R16E Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M).

**Project Description:** This project will use a variety of methods (including manual and mechanical treatments, and prescribed herbivory) to reduce fuel loading and remove ladder fuels on a highly dense, approximately 640-acre WUI area east of Pine Mountain Lake.

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and supporting documentation are available for review at the following locations:

CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit  
785 Mountain Ranch Rd.  
San Andreas, CA 95249

Also available on-line at: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/environmentalprotection-program/public-notices>

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. The review period begins on January 17, 2024 and ends on February 16, 2024. Comments regarding the contents of the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to:

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