

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Wildlife Conservation Board**  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:** Alyssa Benedetti

**Project Title:** Tahoe Forest Gateway - Recreation Planning

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

Property is located 20 miles northeast of Colfax along I-80, near Emigrant Gap. 23 APNs including 062-400-022-000 (Location of Lake Putt)

**Project Location – City:** Emigrant Gap

**Project Location – County:** Placer

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

40 Acre Conservation League recently acquired property adjacent to Tahoe National Forest with the aim of creating inclusive public access opportunities for communities that have been historically excluded from, or rarely take part in, outdoor recreation. This project will assess habitat conditions and needs, develop plans for public access infrastructure, and complete environmental compliance. WCB Project Tracker ID 2023161.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Rebecca J. Fris, Deputy Executive Director, WCB

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):  
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:  
 Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:  
 Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies  
 Other:

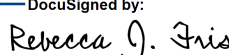
**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

The Project involves only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Rebecca J. Fris

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 212-5637

**If filed by applicant:** 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.  
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes, (by this notice)  No

**Signature:** DocuSigned by:  **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 2/16/2024

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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