

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Grouse Meadow Restoration -Request No. 1652-2024-073-001-R6

Project Applicant: Aaron Coogan, US Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Project Location (include county): The Project is located in the headwaters of Grouse Creek, in Grouse Meadow, Mono County and is accessible via Forest Service (FS) Road 32023 within the Bridgeport Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The Project is located approximately 12 miles north of Sonora Junction at approximately latitude 38.400957⁰ , and longitude -119.480461⁰ . Grouse Creek is a tributary to the West Walker River to the east.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Grouse Meadow Restoration Project submitted by Aaron Coogan, US Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The Project proposes to conduct meadow restoration at 40-acre Grouse Meadow within the West Walker River watershed. The proposed action is to restore surface and subsurface hydrologic function and reduce or eliminate disturbance-caused channelized flow within the meadow system. The Projects total permanent disturbance area is 0.89 acres, permanently affecting 245 linear feet (0.01 acres) of Grouse Creek streambank, 15 conifer trees, 0.01 areas of riparian trees, 0.41 acres of wetland emergent vegetation and 0.46 acres of upland meadow vegetation due to access roads and staging areas.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Julie Fair, American Rivers

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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