

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: NORTH FORK RANCHERIA FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

Lead Agency: County of Madera Contact Person: Samuel J. Rashe
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 City: Madera CA Zip: 93637 County: Madera

Project Location: County: Madera City/Nearest Community: North Fork

Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: 17, 20, 21 Twp.: 8S Range: 23E Base: MT DIABLO

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____

Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec | (Prior SCH No.) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>FIRE MANAGMENT</u> |

Development Type:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

GP: Public Open Space, Rural Mountain and Open Space ZONE: Public Open Space, Residential MT, and Open Space

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

see attachment

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 25th, 2024 Ending Date November 27th, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Samuel Rashe

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Date: 10/25/2024

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION #2024-10
This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County of Madera is circulating Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) #2024-10 for public comment.

Project/Location: Sections 17, 20, and 21 of Township 8 South, Range 23 East Mount Diablo Base Meridian. Madera County, California.

80 Acres Tribal Trust Allotments (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APN] 060-280-010 and 060-280-012) and 92 Acres Public Trust Allotments (portions of APNs 060-190-061 and 060-028-013)

Project Description: The Project entails the preparation of a Fuels Management Plan (FMP). An FMP is required in order to undertake forest management activities to reduce the risk of wildfire on the 80 acres of individual trust allotments in accordance with BIA trust responsibilities for resource management on qualifying tribal lands. The Proposed Project would then apply the same fuel reduction actions and associated management forest management recommendations to the adjacent 92-acre Public Allotments for which an FMP is not required.

The Project Site and surrounding area has been affected by a considerable number of fires over the past century, including the recent Mission Fire (2017) and the 379,882-acre Creek Fire (2020). The Project Site is also characterized by a large quantity of fuel at all levels—ground fuel, ladder fuels, and canopy. Considering the historic propensity of the area to burn and the abundance of existing fuel, the Project Site represents a high fire hazard risk. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to adopt an FMP to reduce fuel loading on the 80-acre FMP parcels and recommend forest health actions for the 92-acre Public Allotments. Therefore, both components of the Proposed Project would provide the Tribe with a roadmap with which to protect its land and properties while improving the ecological health of these lands.

The Proposed Project consists of the approval of funding by Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation Development Council (YSR CDC) for development and implementation of the FMP for the 80-acre FMP Area and for the application of the fuel reduction actions on the 92-acre Public Allotments.

The goals and objectives of the FMP are to:

1. Restore areas that have experienced high severity wildfires,

2. Reforest areas that have experienced high severity wildfires and dramatic tree mortality to promote ecosystem biodiversity and connectivity,
3. Restore critical forest carbon stocks,
4. Implement strategic fuel treatments that address public safety hazards,
5. Prepare for future prescribed fire and reforestation efforts,
6. Utilize strategic planning, including:
 - Light Detection and Ranging mapping analysis, and
 - Technical assistance from diverse partners to facilitate climate-informed and science-based restoration in the region over the next ten years.

Document History: This ISMND was originally prepared in September 2022. Since the preparation it was determined that the YSRCDC could not be the CEQA lead agency and as such, the document was not circulated for public review. Subsequently YSRCDC reached out to Madera County to assume lead agency responsibilities. Therefore, Madera County is now circulating this ISMND.

The description and understanding of the existing conditions as they were presented at the time of document preparation have been determined to be current and therefore, impact discussions remain relevant.

Document Availability: The Initial Study/MND will be available for review at the following location beginning on October 25th, 2024:

- County of Madera Community & Economic Development Planning Division, 200 W 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study/MND is from October 25th to November 27th, 2024.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the County's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on 26, November 2024. Written comments may be sent to Samuel J. Rashe, Senior Planner, County of Madera Community & Economic Development Planning Division, 200 W 4th Street, Ste. 3100, Madera, CA 93637

