

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Truckee Fire Protection District
10049 Donner Pass Rd.

County Clerk

Truckee CA, 96161

County of: Nevada
950 Maidu Ave.
Nevada City, CA95959

(Address)

Project Title: Glenshire HOA Defensible Space

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

T17N R17E section 5 - MDM

Project Location - City: Truckee

Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project includes implementation of fuels reduction activities in the form of hand thinning, limbing, clean-up of dead and downed fuels, and follow-up broadcast chipping on approximately 20-acres. The prescription includes motor-manual thinning of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) conifers and shrubs to achieve adequate vertical and horizontal spacing. All brush under the dripline of trees plus 2 feet will be manually removed. Overall, 75% of existing brush will be reduced across the project area. Residual material will be chipped via a tracked chipper with chips being broadcasted over the project area, chip depth will not exceed 3 inches on average

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Truckee Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Truckee Fire Protection District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301(h); 15304; 15307
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section(s) 15301(h), 15304, and 15307. Pursuant to Section 15301(h) Class one consists of minor alterations of existing facilities and maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth, 15304, Class 4 consists of minor private alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, Section 15307, Class 7 consists of actions by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources. The project involves removal of an abundance of small diameter understory trees and brush species to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of forest fuels, to reduce wildfire intensity and severity, and comply with PRC 4291 and local ordinances. Field review by Truckee Fire Protection District Forester confirmed that fuel clearance in the project area is required to reduce hazardous fuel conditions adjacent to habitable structures for the safety of the public and emergency responders, and no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to vegetation in the form of hand thinning, limbing and chipping. The trees being removed are in a suppressed state and are not considered healthy. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. This project will not convert forestland to non-forest uses, and all treated vegetation will have the ability to grow back. The Truckee Fire Protection District has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the department is kept on file at Truckee Fire Protection District Station 91, located at 10049 Donner Pass Road in Truckee CA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dillon Sheedy

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-536-8020

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 [ ] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 10/25/24

Title: Forester (RFP # 3175)

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: