

## **Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Ponderosa Thousand Trails Storm Damage Repair (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. ELD-49148-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Gold Creek and American River, in the County of El Dorado, State of California; Latitude 38.810556, Longitude -120.906667; 7291 Highway 49 Lotus, CA 95651; Assessor's Parcel Number: 006-341-024-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number ELD-49148-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, MHC Ponderosa, L.P.

The project includes the clean up, repair, and restoration activities from storm damage that occurred during the 2022-2023 storms and to armor the site from future storm damage. Debris and sediment will be removed from Area 2 within Gold Creek. A permanent parking area will be installed in Area 1 (previously a gravel lot) as well as a curb/retaining wall around the entire campsite to control erosion. A total of 11 valley live oaks and three (3) black locust trees will be removed. Trees will be planted within the project area with restoration efforts including the addition of 76,913 square feet (1.766 acres) of landscaping on BLM land and 57,256 square feet (1.314 acres) of landscaping on private land.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** MHC Ponderosa, L.P.

**Exempt Status:** Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes (1, 2, 4, & 33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301, 15302, 15304, & 15333)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is class 1 exempt because it consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project is class 2 exempt because it consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project is class 4 exempt because it consists of minor public or private

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alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project is class 33 exempt because it does not exceed five acres in size and consists of the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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