

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Alder Creek, 89 Wildland Urban Interface Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	T18N, R16E, Sections 4, 9, 10, 14-16, 21-23, 25-27, 29, 30, 32-35 MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Nevada
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Truckee Fire Protection District (TFPD) to conduct fuels reduction treatments related to the Nevada and Placer County Cooperative Landscape Resilience Project. Manual and mechanical treatments will include removal of trees up to 12-inches diameter at breast height (dbh), followed by mastication of removed vegetation. The project is intended to: 1. achieve increased resiliency to the threat of wildfire to the town of Truckee and surrounding United States Forest Service (USFS) lands, 2. Enhance Highway 89’s value for ingress/egress for fire suppression and emergency response, and 3. provide ecosystem restoration by improving forest health and resilience to climate change.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, and habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA in the Alder Creek, 89 Wildland Urban Interface Project Categorical Exclusion; Wildfire Resilience, Section 605 of HFRA (16 U.S.C. 6591d) (FSH 1909.15, 32.3(9)), signed July1, 2022. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61628>

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