

Notice of Determination

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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Grouse Ridge Vegetation Treatment Project

Project Location: Nevada City, Nevada County

Project Description: The Regents of the University of California (UC Regents) proposes to implement vegetation treatments and maintenance treatments on 1,134.3 acres of land within the Grouse Ridge Research Forest in Nevada County. UC Regents has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis and CEQA Addendum to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the California Vegetation Treatment Program EIR (CalVTP PEIR), consider revisions or changes to the PEIR that would expand its coverage to include all project areas, and provide environmental information to the UC Regents. Treatment activities, including maintenance treatments, would include fuel break and ecological restoration treatments. Treatment activities, including maintenance treatments, would include mechanical and manual treatments, herbicide application, and prescribed burning. The Grouse Ridge Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum (PSA/Addendum) was prepared for the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP PEIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the UC Regents Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on December 18, 2020 and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Grouse Ridge Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP PEIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP PEIR.
 - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in project areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape are within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
 - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address the project areas outside the geographic extent presented in the PEIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP PEIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP PEIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR was reaffirmed for this project by the UC Regents.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Grouse Ridge Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR and record of project approval are available to the general public via Berkeley Forests. The custodian of these documents is Ariel Thomson Roughton, Research Forests Manager. Please contact Ariel Thomson Roughton at athomson@berkeley.edu or (530) 333-4475 to arrange document viewing.

Signature:



Wendy Hillis
Campus Architect, Assistant Vice Chancellor
December 18, 2020

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.