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**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Name: Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project  
SCH# 2024010405**

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and Department procedures, notification is hereby given to responsible and trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below.

**Project Location:** Adjacent to the community of Pine Mountain Lake, East of Groveland, CA in Tuolumne County. The Project boundary is described as portions of sections 13, 23, 24, 25 & 26 T1S R16E and portions of sections 19 T1S R17E Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M).

**Project Description:** This Project will use a variety of methods (including manual and mechanical treatments, prescribed burning, herbicide application and prescribed herbivory) to reduce fuel loading and remove ladder fuels on a highly dense, approximately 820-acre WUI area east of Pine Mountain Lake.

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and supporting documentation are available for review at the following locations:

CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit  
785 Mountain Ranch Rd.  
San Andreas, CA 95249

Also available on-line at: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. The review period begins on 4/24/2026 and ends on 5/25/2026. Comments regarding the contents of the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to:

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