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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: 2024010405
Project Title: Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project
Project Applicant: County of Tuolumne
Project Location: Tuolumne County, northeast of Groveland

Project Description: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE) would be providing funding to the County of Tuolumne to implement forest health and restoration maintenance activities on up to 750 acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands located northeast of the town of Groveland and due east of Pine Mountain Lake, Tuolumne County, that will provide wildfire prevention benefits to neighboring communities, as well as contribute to forest health. CAL FIRE has prepared an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project. Treatment activities are consistent with those evaluated in the Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction IS-MND and are specific to prescribed goat herbivory. These treatments are intended to promote forest health, reduce fuel load, and demonstrate the efficacy of climate beneficial prescriptions.

This is to advise that **CAL FIRE** (■ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on October 13, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [☐ will ■ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ■ A Mitigated or a Negative Declaration was prepared for his project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigated measures [■ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [■ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ■ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [■ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Reduction Project Final Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval are available to the public on the CAL FIRE webpage:
https://calfire.app.box.com/s/6uzjbg146cfn018h1jw98871hp740x7t/file/1474799214937

Signature: DocuSigned by: John Melvin 6589EF653A04432... Date: 10/13/2026

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

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