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SCH #: 2025040655Project Title: North Fork American River Shaded Fuel BreakLead Agency: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)Contact Name: Steve GarciaEmail: Steven.Garcia@fire.ca.govPhone Number: 530-277-2306Project Location: Bowman, Clipper Gap, Applegate, Heather Glen, Weimar, Colfax, Cape Horn, Iowa Hill-Placer County

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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proposing to install a shaded fuel break by modifying natural vegetation along a swath of land between Interstate 80 and the North Fork of the American River in Placer County. The purpose of the project is to improve public and firefighter safety, reduce the risk and severity of wildfire, improve forest health, and reduce the potential for insect damage, resulting in a more fire resilient forest. The end goal is a healthier forest with better growing conditions for the residual trees and reduced risk of fire for community.

The proposed project is in Placer County between the communities of Auburn and Colfax. The project covers 6,051 acres along strategically selected parcels between the North Fork of the American River and Interstate 80. Ownership consists of 5,927 acres in private ownership and 124 acres of federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Federal lands are likely to be permitted under a separate NEPA process but are included in this analysis as disclosure of the future efforts that may occur as a part of this project.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The IS-MND has been prepared to assess the project's potential effects on the environment and an appraisal of the significance of those effects. It has been determined that the proposed project will not have any significant effects on the environment after implementation of mitigation measures. This conclusion is supported by the following findings:

The proposed project will have no effect related to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Minerals, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Land Use and Planning, Transportation and Traffic, Energy and Utilities and Service Systems.

The proposed project will have a less than significant impact on Hazards and Hazardous Materials and Wildfire.

There are 21 proposed mitigation measure for Aesthetics (2), Agricultural (2), Air Quality (5), Biological (6), Cultural (1), Geologic (3), and Hydrological Resources (1), and Noise (1). A detailed list of mitigation measures is contained in the "Environmental Checklist and Discussion" section on page 48 of the MND.

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If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California State Water Resources Control Board
Placer County Air Pollution Control District