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Notice Date: August 12, 2025

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION****Project Name: North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break Project**

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:**

The proposed project area is located in Placer County between the communities of Auburn and Colfax. The total project work area includes 6,051 acres parallel to and in between the North Fork of the American River and Interstate 80. The project area consists of 5,946 acres of land held in private ownership and 105 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. While fuel reduction treatments will likely occur on both private and federal lands, federal lands located within the project area will be permitted under a separate NEPA process and are not included in this project analysis.

| Township | Range  | Sections                                |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| 15 North | 9 East | 23,26,25,36,35                          |
| 14 North | 9 East | 2,1,11,12,14,13,23,24,27,26,25,33,34,35 |
| 13 North | 9 East | 3,2,4,10,9,17,16,15,19,20,21,29,30,31   |
| 13 North | 8 East | 25,26,35,36                             |

**Project Description:**

The project is intended to reduce the rate of spread and severity of uncontrolled vegetation fires and to provide locations where fire fighters can safely suppress active wildland fires and protect structures and private property damage. To achieve this objective, treatments are designed to create a zone of reduced fuel loading along the rim of the North Fork of the America River Canyon, allowing for a greater probability of preventing a fire originating in the canyon from spreading into adjacent communities. The project also proposes to treat fuels along roadways to provide safer evacuation corridors, improved emergency ingress/egress, and provide increased defensible space beyond PRC 4291 requirements around structures in the project area.

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

CALFIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Headquarters  
13760 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA 95603

Also available on-line at:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/environmental-protection-program>

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. The review period begins on August 12, 2025 and ends on September 12, 2025. Comments regarding the contents of the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to:

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