

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Auburn Lake Trails Northern Shaded Fuel Break Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	The Project is located adjacent to the northern and eastern boundaries of the unincorporated community of Auburn Lake Trails in northern El Dorado County, California at an elevation of approximately 1916 feet MSL (Attachment 1):  Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Sections 1-4,9-12 Mount Diablo Base & Meridian within the USGS 7.5-minute Greenwood Quadrangle.  It is approximately 1 mile east of Cool, CA and approximately 52 miles east of Sacramento, CA and can be accessed from U.S. Highway 193.	<b>COUNTY</b>	El Dorado
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Auburn Lake Trails Northern Shaded Fuel Break Project area consists of approximately 350 acres of private, non-industrial lands located between adjacent to the Middle Fork of the American River and the community of Auburn Lake Trails. The project proposes to reduce hazardous fuels strategically placed within the Wildland- Urban Interface (WUI) to fire risk and the potential for catastrophic wildfires. The Project compliments adjacent treatments on approximately 226 acres of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).


### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4; §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Project involves minor alteration of vegetation, including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. According to the Department of Fish and game's Natural Diversity Database, there are no listed plants or animal species affected by the project. There will be no impact to historic or cultural resources due to lack of ground disturbance.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
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William J. Bennett, Vice President      Date  
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