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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Alpine
PO BOX 158
Markleeville CA, 96120

From: (Public Agency): County of Alpine
PO BOX 158
Markleeville CA, 96120
(Address)

Project Title: Thornburg/Shokouh Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Alpine Fire Safe Council

Project Location - Specific:
T10N, R20E, S294 MDBM

Project Location - City: Markleeville Project Location - County: Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is located within the community of Markleeville, California. The project area is comprised of an 80 acre treatment area consisting of two private landowner parcels, each ~ 40 acres in Markleevillage of eastern Alpine County. The Thornburg property is located at 79 Sawmill Road, and the Shokouh property is located at 235 Pinion Road. The project areas are dominated by native sagebrush habitat of California Wildlife Habitat Relationship (CWHR) size class varies, and fire damaged conifers that range from 4-14" DBH. The proposed project will reduce the continuity of sagebrush and hazard trees in an effort to reduce hazardous fuel loading and arrangement such that the flame length, intensity, rate of spread, and duration of potential wildfire is reduced.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Alpine County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alpine Fire Safe Council

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, 15304 Miner Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits under Categorical Exemption: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4) which allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of waters. The removal of brush will be restricted to those that reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, and/or provide for improved ingress/egress in the event of wildfire. The proposed project has been designed to protect hydrology and soil resources to prevent significant erosion or sedimentation. The project, as designed, is consistent with the use of a Categorical Exemption. See attached project environmental review report for further information.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sam Booth Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-694-2140

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ▪ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Sam Booth Date: 12/15/25 Title: Community Dev. Director

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____