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**CEQA # 14385**
**Project # 301-2025-02**

**State of California – The Resources Agency**
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
P.O. Box 266
Tahoma, CA 96142

**PROJECT TITLE:** Lower Cold Stream Road Fuels Reduction

**LOCATION:** Donner Memorial State Park **COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Implement forest thinning, chipping, and biomass removal along Lower Cold Stream Road at Donner Memorial State Park to reduce hazardous fuels, improve defensible space, protect life and property, promote large tree resilience, increase vegetative and structural diversity, and create a mosaic of forest openings. Work will:

- Use chainsaws, chippers, and disposal trucks to thin 5 acres of forest land by targeting small diameter conifers, primarily those less than 14-in. diameter at breast height (DBH);
- Remove trees exhibiting poor crown position, poor form, disease, or insect infestation, and all dead trees, regardless of size;
- Create up to 100-ft of defensible space around structures; and
- Chip material roadside on Lower Cold Stream Road, haul chips off-site to local wood disposal yard, and remove logs suitable for firewood.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California** Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sierra District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**
☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1 & 4 *Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and is included as “Resource management projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4.

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