

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of South Lake Tahoe Fire
2101 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe
California 96150

County Clerk
County of: ElDorado

(Address)

Project Title: SNPLMA Fuel Reduction - South Lake Tahoe

Project Applicant: South Tahoe Fire and Rescue

Project Location - Specific: 026050018, 026050016, 026050015, 026050021, 026050019, 026050020, 026050003

Project Location - City: South Lake Tahoe Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves hazardous fuels reduction across properties operated by the City of South Lake Tahoe. Treatments include mechanical harvesting, hand thinning and chipping to reduce wildfire risk, improve forest health, and protect critical public infrastructure and recreational spaces. Beneficiaries include local residents, students, staff, and visitors who utilize critical public infrastructure and recreational spaces for education, services, and outdoor recreation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jay Manning, Division Chief

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4 minor alterations to land 15304
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Section 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land) because it consists of minor vegetation thinning, pruning, and removal of surface and ladder fuels on gently sloping to moderately sloped land with no significant ground disturbance. No commercial timber will be removed, and all work will be conducted in compliance with applicable BMPs and agency guidelines to avoid impacts to sensitive resources. The project will not result in the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry management purposes and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jay Manning, Division Chief Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-307-3953

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: [Signature] Date: 2/9/2026 Title: DIV CHIEF
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.