

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



Project Title: Murchie Mine Barrel Removal (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-62272-R2)

Project Location: 11069 Murchie Mine Road, Nevada City, CA 95959

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number NEV-62272-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Newmont Mining. The project is limited to the removal of barrels containing mining waste from an unnamed channel tributary of Deer Creek. Pre-removal work includes construction of an upper coffer dam and sediment trap to reroute the tributary around the work site. The barrels will be removed by hand, with limited or no mechanized equipment. After the removal from the channel, barrels will be lifted or dragged up the hillside using barrel bags, super sacks, heavy duty tarps, or other methods that will contain the drums and their contents. Following removal, the barrels will be disposed of at an appropriate facility.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:

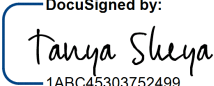
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 30; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15330

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is class 30 exempt because it consists of minor cleanup actions and the removal of sealed, non-leaking drums or barrels of hazardous waste or substances that have been stabilized, containerized and are designated for a lawfully permitted destination.

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Date: 2/11/2026