

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	National Forest Foundation, "Trapper Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project - NYLRP ROD 1"		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Nevada Yuba River watershed within the Tahoe National Forest, from New Bullards Bar Reservoir on the west up to the Sierra crest along State Route 49 to the east.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Sierra & Yuba Counties
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE is providing funding to the National Forest Foundation to implement mechanical and manual treatment activities, including prescribed burning (pile and broadcast), hand thinning, mastication, and ground-based mechanical thinning. These activities are intended to improve and restore forest health and resilience, reduce the risk of resource-damaging wildfire, protect and secure water supplies, and protect communities from the effects of high-severity wildfire and climate change in the North Yuba River watershed within the Yuba River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption                      Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):      Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under the April 2023 North Yuba Landscape Resilience Project NEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), July 2023 Errata to the FEIS, and the Project Record of Decision (ROD), signed July 12, 2023. NEPA coverage for the North Yuba Landscape Resilience Project is 210,000 acres, with initial treatments at 1,128 acres.

The NEPA record of project approval is available to the General Public at:  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/tahoe/projects/59693>

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