

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Pine Mountain Club Vegetation Project

Lead Agency: Kern County Fire Department

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Project Location: Pine Mountain Club, Kern County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project consists of the Kern County Fire Department's (KCFD) implementation of vegetation treatment activities within an area of up to 212.42 acres in Kern County. The project would include manual and mechanical vegetation treatments and prescribed burning activities, including broadcast burns and pile burns, to reintroduce fire to the landscape, reduce heavy fuel loading, mitigate the risk of large wildfire, provide biological benefits, and support training opportunities for KCFD staff. Treatment activities would involve brush removal, trimming, tree felling and pruning, handline construction in steep or sensitive areas, and mechanical treatments using masticators, chippers, bulldozers, feller bunchers, and cable yarders to reduce fuels, create and maintain control lines, and establish fuel breaks. Vegetative slash generated by these activities would be treated through prescribed burning, chipping, or cable yarding, with broadcast burns occurring throughout the project site and contained using handlines, dozer lines, and/or non-burnable fuel breaks.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would have the potential to result in air pollutant emissions from vegetation treatment equipment and prescribed burning that may exceed local significance thresholds and may expose on-site sensitive receptors to elevated pollutant concentrations. With implementation of air quality mitigation measures requiring compliance with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District regulations, impacts would be reduced to less than significant. The project would have the potential to result in impacts to sensitive biological resources, including special-status plant and wildlife species and nesting birds, due to vegetation removal and ground disturbance. With implementation of mitigation measures requiring pre-activity surveys, establishment of avoidance buffers, biological monitoring, and environmental awareness training, impacts would be reduced to less than significant. Potential impacts related to disturbance of undiscovered archaeological or tribal cultural resources during ground-disturbing activities would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation requiring implementation of an inadvertent discovery protocol and compliance with applicable state notification procedures. Project implementation would have the potential to generate temporary construction-related noise that could exceed local noise standards near sensitive receptors. With implementation of mitigation measures requiring use of properly muffled equipment, restrictions on hours of operation, and additional noise attenuation measures near sensitive receptors, noise impacts would be reduced to less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A - no known areas of public controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Responsible Agencies:

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Trustee Agencies:

California Department of Fish And Wildlife