

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Lower Deer Creek Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Lead Agency: Nevada County Office of Emergency Services

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Project Location: Unincorporated Areas of Penn Valley, Nevada County

*City*

*County*

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

The proposed action consists of removal of ground and ladder fuels at variable distances from each side of the roadway centerlines, thinning of trees and brush to reduce crown closure, removal of dead and dying trees less than 14 inches diameter breast height (DBH) along serviceable roadways or within landscape areas, and application of herbicide to control the future regrowth of unwanted vegetation for maintenance of an understory canopy without fire-prone fuels. Fuel reduction treatments will be accomplished using mechanized and manual techniques. The mechanized technique will involve the use of heavy machinery and equipment such as track hoes, track chippers, and track equipment with masticator heads. The manual technique will involve the use of hand crews equipped with chainsaws and other field-deployable equipment. The mechanized technique may cover more acreage per day, but its use is limited by slope, access, seasonal considerations, and similar limitations that do not apply to the manual technique. No mechanical treatment will occur on slopes 65 percent or greater or when site conditions limit treatment to handwork. Best Management Practices (BMPs) from the FEMA PEA have been incorporated into the project by design.

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

The IS-MND revealed that potentially significant environmental effects could result from the proposed project. Mitigation is required to reduce potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, noise, and mandatory findings of significance.

Nevada County OES has revised the scope of work and developed effective mitigation measures for the project to eliminate or reduce environmental impacts to a less-than-significant level. In addition to FEMABMPs identified throughout the document, the following mitigation measures will be implemented to avoid or minimize environmental impacts:

Mitigation Measure 1: Scenic Overview Preservation Controls; Mitigation Measure 2: Equipment Exhaust Reduction and Dust Control Measures; Mitigation Measure 3: Riparian and Wetland Identification and Exclusion; Mitigation Measure 4: Pre-Treatment Botanical Surveys; Mitigation Measure 5: Raptor, Migratory Bird, and Special-Status Bird Buffers; Mitigation Measure 6: California Spotted Owl Surveys; Mitigation Measure 7: Limited Operating Periods; Mitigation Measure 8: Mammal Den Surveys; Mitigation Measure 9: Bat Roost Humane Exclusion; Mitigation Measure 10: Western Pond Turtle Survey; Mitigation Measure 11: Bumble Bee Avoidance; Mitigation Measure 12: Monarch Butterfly Avoidance; Mitigation Measure 13: Sensitive Natural Communities; Mitigation Measure 14: Invasive Species Management Protocol; Mitigation Measure 15: Operational Hours, Mitigation Measure 16: Cultural Resources Identification and Avoidance

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

No known areas of controversy have been raised or are considered associated with this project.

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

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Department of Transportation