

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Placer

From: (Public Agency): North Tahoe Fire Protection District
222 Fairway Drive; PO box 5879
Tahoe City, CA 96145

(Address)

Project Title: Alpine Meadows Forest Health Project

Project Applicant: NTPFD, April Shackelford Forest Fuels Manager

Project Location - Specific: Bear Creek: 095-242-001, 095-241-009, 095-242-005, 095-240-001, 095-252-010, 095-252-001, 095-251-001, 095-273-001, 095-273-016, 095-263-001, 095-233-001 Alpine Place: 095-280-029, 095-280-028, 095-280-027 Calwell LLC: 095-290-017 River Run: 095-050-059 ASCWD: 095-300-026, 095-040-010 Ken Gracey: 095-300-045, 095-300-044

Project Location - City: Alpine Meadows Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Alpine Meadows Forest Health Project is an 98.4-acre, multi-unit forest health and hazardous fuels reduction project located on private parcels in Alpine Meadows, Placer County, California. The project will improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuels, and improve treatment continuity across the community-wildland interface. Treatment units include a mix of hand thinning, chip and haul, hand pile construction, machine piling, and low ground-pressure mechanical treatment. Treatment methods vary by unit based on access, slope, operability, stand conditions, prior treatment history, infrastructure, resource protection needs, and implementation feasibility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: April Shackelford

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

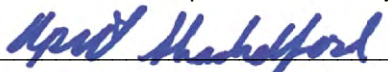
The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, because it consists of minor alterations to vegetation for the purpose of hazardous fuels reduction, forest health improvement, and wildfire resilience. The project would not involve new development or a change in land use. Work will be implemented using hand crews and/or low-ground-pressure ground-based equipment with resource protection measures to minimize soil disturbance, erosion, sedimentation, and impacts to residual vegetation. The project would not result in significant environmental impacts, and none of the exceptions to the categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: April Shackelford Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530.584.2344

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:  Date: 06/17/2026 Title: Forest Fuels Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____