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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Placer
3715 Atherton Rd
Rocklin, CA 95765

From: (Public Agency): North Tahoe Fire Protection District
222 Fairway Drive
Tahoe City, CA 96145
(Address)

Project Title: Alpine Meadows Forest Health

Project Applicant: North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Project Location - Specific:

Bear Creek: 095-242-001, 095-241-009, 095-242-005, 095-240-001, 095-252-010, 095

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. The project will improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuels, and improve treatment continuity across the community-wildland interface. Treatment methods include a mix of hand thinning, chip and haul, hand pile construction, pile burning, machine piling, and low ground-pressure mechanical treatment. Treatment methods vary based on access, slope, 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: North Tahoe Fire Protection District

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: 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 does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project involves selective removal of suppressed, small-diameter understory trees and brush species through methods including hand thinning, chipping, pile burning, and limited low ground pressure mechanical thinning. These activities are specifically designed to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of forest fuels adjacent to the community, significantly lowering wildfire risk. 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. There will be no changes in land use. 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: April Shackelford Date: 10/28/2026 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: _____