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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Alpine
PO BOX 158
Markleeville CA, 96120

From: (Public Agency): County of Alpine
PO BOX 158
Markleeville CA, 96120
(Address)

Project Title: Lower Manzanita Phase II Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Alpine County Fire Safe Council

Project Location - Specific:
Lower Manzanita Rd. Alpine County Unincorporated

Project Location - City: Markleeville Project Location - County: Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The primary goal of the Project is to reduce hazardous fuel continuity, flame length, and rate of spread to protect surrounding structures and improve ingress/egress safety along community access routes. The primary carrier of fire in the project area consists of native conifers, dominantly Jeffrey Pine, and sagebrush and shrub species.Vegetation treatment activities will adhere to the following prescriptions:Mechanical & Hand Treatment: Utilization of skid steer mechanical mastication units and hand thinning crews to remove target brush and understory vegetation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Alpine County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alpine Fire Safe Council

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: Class 4 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project qualifies for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15304, Minor Alterations to Land), which specifically includes fuel management activities to reduce wildfire risk. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, none of the statutory exceptions apply.

- Location (Scenic Highways): The Project area is not located within an officially designated State Scenic Highway corridor.
- Cumulative Impact: Treatments are localized WUI defensible space actions; activities will not contribute to a cumulative adverse environmental impact.
- Unusual Circumstances: Standard low-impact treatment methods (mastication, hand trimming) will be used; no unusual circumstances exist that present a reasonable possibility of a significant impact.
- Hazardous Waste Sites: Review of the DTSC Cortese List confirms no active toxic, or hazardous waste sites occur within the project boundaries.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sam Booth Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-694-2140

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: Samuel Booth Date: 10/16/26 Title: CDA Director

- 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.

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