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State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Jamison Mine Forest Improvement - County Road A-14 and Jamison Mine Road

LOCATION: Plumas Eureka State Park

COUNTY: Plumas

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
Phase I: Conduct pre-construction archaeological field survey and resource inventory in forest improvement project located at Plumas Eureka State Park to identify archaeological resources that require protection from ground disturbance activity.
Phase II: Measures will consist of delineation of the cultural resources with flagging, identification of the resources on a topographic map, and communication of the resource locations and the protection measures to the project manager. Any fuel reduction in areas within and adjacent to recorded archaeological sites and cultural resource features will be limited to hand clearing and will be monitored by a DPR-qualified archaeologist. Vehicles shall be prohibited within these exclusion zones. Pile burning within site boundaries is prohibited.
Phase III: Create a defensible fuel profile zone (DFPZ) on 110 acres at Plumas Eureka State Park to reduce the threat of a catastrophic wildfire and improve native forest composition and structure. Trees to be removed will be marked with paint by or under the supervision of a California Registered Professional Forester. Debris piles shall be burned in accordance with county and state regulations. All slash will be removed from flagged archaeological areas by hand and burned outside of the site within the DFPZ boundary. A hand crew and/or logging contractor will perform the work.

If evidence of potentially significant historical/archaeological resources are discovered at any point during the project, work shall be suspended until the find can be assessed by either the District or Service Center archaeologist.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:
☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 4 & 6 Section: 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Project consists of basic data collection activities that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as “archaeological investigations by department staff” and “resource management projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4.

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