

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Herbicide Application to Non-Native Weed Species

LOCATION: Sugar Pine Point, Emerald Bay, DL Bliss, Burton Creek, Ward Creek and Washoe Meadows State Parks, Lake Valley and Tahoe State Recreation Areas
COUNTY: Placer and El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

In consultation with and on approval of Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), apply approved Lake Tahoe herbicides to non-native weed species at Sugar Pine Point, Emerald Bay, DL Bliss, Burton Creek, Ward Creek and Washoe Meadows State Parks and Lake Valley and Tahoe State Recreation Areas. Non-chemical methods such as cultural or biological or other non-ground disturbing methods will be used if effective. Herbicides will be used only where non-chemical methods are ineffective. Herbicide methods of application include; frill cut, cut and squirt, foliar spray with a backpack sprayer, dip and clip, sponge or wore application. An authorization permit will be obtained from RWQCB as stated in the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group Memorandum of Understanding if non-native weeds are to be sprayed within 25 feet of water. Surveys will be conducted for rare, threatened or endangered (RTE) plant and animal species prior to application of herbicides. Areas will be avoided if RTE species are found and only non-chemical methods will be used at RTE locations. DPR will monitor herbicide- applied sites with permanent photo points to calculate cover density. The Sierra District Archaeologist will review and approve locations of rebar stakes prior to their placement in the ground at photo points. Project will promote restoration of native growth.

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 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of vegetation with no removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and are included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCRS 15300.4.

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