

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: North American Beaver Population Control Project

LOCATION: Washoe Meadows, Emerald Bay, D.L. Bliss Sugar Pine Point, Ward and Burton Creek State Parks and Lake Valley State Recreation Area.

COUNTY: El Dorado and Placer

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove non-native North American Beavers by trapping at Washoe Meadows, Emerald Bay, D.L. Bliss, Sugar Pine Point, Ward and Burton Creek State Parks and Lake Valley State Recreation Area. Significant resource and facility damage is occurring including the cutting of mature aspen and cottonwood trees and the buckling of bridges due to flooding from beaver dams. Project implementation will return beaver populations to a level in which resource and facility damage is minimal. No ground or vegetation disturbance will occur as a result of the project.

In the event that human remains are discovered during project activity, existing law requires that project managers contact the county coroner. If the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, both the Native American Heritage Commission and any identified descendants shall be notified. If evidence of potentially significant historical/archaeology resources is discovered at any point during the project, work will be suspended at the location of the find until the find can be assessed by a DPR - qualified 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 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "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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