

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: High School Defense Zone

LOCATION: Burton Creek State Park

COUNTY: Placer

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Create a wildfire defense zone along the eastern boundary of Burton Creek State Park adjacent to North Tahoe High School. Wildfire defense zone will cover 96 acres and be a width of 1,000 feet to reduce the threat of a catastrophic wildfire and improve native forest composition and structure. Trees to be removed will be marked by or under the supervision of a California Registered Professional Forester. Remove trees using hand crews and mechanical mastication. Collect and burn woody debris in specified areas within the project site in accordance with County and State regulations. Protect sensitive resources within flagged exclusion zones delineated by DPR-qualified natural and cultural resource specialists. Remove woody debris from exclusion zones by hand and burn in specified areas within the project site.

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 land and vegetation that does 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 CCRS 15300.4.

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