## Notice of Exemption

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research State State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Department of Fish and Wildlife WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: James Croft

Project Title: Ladybug Forest Health and Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Ladybug parcel in the Tahoe National Forest, 19 miles north of Truckee in Sierra County Project Location - City: Truckee, CA Project Location - County: Sierra

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project's goal is to enhance forest health and reduce hazardous fuels through selective thinning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

## Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:

Categorical Exemption. 153301 Existing Facilities; 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project is statutorily exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1), as the Project involves prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act. In addition, the Project is proposed as exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 153301, Existing Facilities, as it involves maintenance and/or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features including maintenance of wildlife habitat to protect fish and wildlife resources, and Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, as it involves minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

## 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?  $\boxtimes$  Yes (by this notice)  $\square$  No

Signature: John f. Downelly

Date: 2/25/2021

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code. Date received for Filing:

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