NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

P.O. Box 266 Tahoma, CA 96142

PROJECT TITLE: Plumas Ski Bowl Fire Safe Recreation

LOCATION: Plumas Eureka State Park COUNTY: Plumas

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Implement forest thinning and fuel reduction treatments on 61 acres, install/repair two (2) fire road gates, and maintain 2.2 miles of fire road to: protect life and property from wildfire threats, protect/promote large trees, promote vegetative/ structural diversity, maintain the ski runs at Plumas Ski Bowl, and reduce hazardous fire fuels around the Plumas Ski Parking Lot at Plumas Eureka State Park. Work will include the use of heavy equipment (i.e. masticators) and hand crews.

- Mechanically thin 11 acres of forest (overlap with mastication treatment area): remove logs and chipped slash, build burn piles, and burn piles.
- Masticate 61 acres of brush and forest slash (including forest thinning area): on ski runs, near facilities, and residual vegetative debris left from forest thinning.
- All trees designated for removal will be marked with paint under the supervision of a California Registered Professional Forester (RPF).
- Replace one (1) gate at the start of North Road to the Ski Lodge from Ski Parking Lot and install one (1) new gate at start of Ski Lift Access Road near the end of Eureka Lake Road.
 - O Use an excavator to dig six (6) holes 3' deep by 2' wide (three (3) holes at each gate x two (2) gates).
- Perform maintenance on 2.2 miles of State Park fire road: conduct (as needed) the following types of road
 maintenance within the existing road prism: crown, out-slope, rock surface, improve inboard ditches/rolling
 dips, etc.
- All road maintenance will be conducted under the supervision of the District Geomorphologist Engineering Hydrologist Geomorphologist.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra

EXEMPT STATUS:	
☐ Declared Emergency (Section	15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 1	5269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
□ Categorical Exemption	,
Class: 2 3 & 4	Section: 15302, 15003 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy mature scenic trees for forestry purposes and is considered "Stewardship projects" 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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