

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Sierra District Headquarters  
P.O. Box 266  
Tahoma, CA. 96142

**PROJECT TITLE:** Ward Fire Safe Project

**LOCATION:** Ward Creek Property

**COUNTY:** Placer

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Perform Fire Safe Project which consists of forest thinning and hazard fuel reduction on 179 acres in the Ward Creek Property to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and to improve native forest composition and structure. Work will include: hand crew forest thinning and pile burning on 60 acres; hand crew forest thinning and chipping with a tracked chipper on 21 acres; and mechanical forest thinning, mastication and pile burning on 98 acres. Use existing park road and landing to haul forest biomass from the project area and install a locking gate at the road entrance.

**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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