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CEQA Notice of Exemption

To: County of El Dorado, Recorder-Clerk's Office

360 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

From: El Dorado County

Department of Transportation

2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

Project Title: Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council - Roadside Fuel Hazard Reduction

Project Location – Specific: The project is located within the Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council service area boundary, along roads that are simultaneously within El Dorado County rights of way located approximately 1 mile south of U.S. Highway 50, in the community of Pollock Pines, El Dorado County (See Attached Map).

Project Location - City: <u>Unincorporated</u>

Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Project: This project will plan and perform strategic fuels reduction of roadside vegetation for public safety on all roads within the Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council service area boundary within and outside of the Sierra Springs community/HOA. Many of the roads targeted for the roadside fuel hazard reduction program serve as primary evacuation routes in the event of a wildfire. These efforts by various contractors include removing trees up to ten inches in diameter and cutting back and trimming vegetation within these County rights of way to reduce the potential for wildfires in the area to allow for safer ingress and egress.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: El Dorado County Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council

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- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c);
- ☑ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301, Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: State Code Number: _

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of maintenance in the form of fuel reduction, within the existing roadway - no grading will occur, and no impacts will occur to waterways or affect natural habitats.

Lead Agency

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