

# Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: (Public Agency) Sierra Co. Planning Dept.  
P.O. Box 530  
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Project Title: The Gold Project-Butcher Ranch Meadow Aspen Project

Project Location – Specific: **Treatments on 2100 acres of National Forest System lands located north and northeast of Downieville and Sierra City and just west of the Sierra Buttes and specifically a smaller area within Butcher Ranch Meadow in Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 T.20N., R11E., M.D.B. and M.**

Project Location – City: NA Project Location – County: Sierra  
Use of hand tools to remove conifers less than 10" in diameters across 3.97 acres of aspen stand-meadow complex. Removed conifers to be piled for burning and monitoring will occur for 2-3 years to measure success.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

United States Forest Service

A.W. Henderson, District Ranger  
Yuba River Ranger District  
631 Coyote Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
530-478-6249

Name of Person, Address and Phone Number or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Exempt Status: (check one)

- 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: Class 4, Section 15304 & Class 7, Section 15307
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt: 1) US Forest Service conducted CEQA on project and a record of decision issued based on findings of no significant effect. 2) This is an action to improve and protect natural resources by an agency with jurisdiction (USES). 3) County involvement is grant/CEQA clearance for state funding source to implement project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tim H. Beals

Area

Code/Telephone: (530) 289-3251

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?  Yes  No

Signature: 

Date: August 27, 2018

Title: Director of Planning

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: