



NOTICE OF INTENT

Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dollar Creek Forest Health and Biomass Project

The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) has released for public review the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Dollar Creek Forest Health and Biomass Project. The project includes forest fuel reduction on approximately 151 acres of forest in a wildland urban interface in the Placer County portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The project would be implemented by the Conservancy and a forestry contractor. The objectives of the project are to reduce the risk of high-intensity wildfires, reduce susceptibility of the forest to insect and disease outbreaks, improve age and species diversity of the trees, and utilize the forest biomass for renewable energy production. The project would involve the use of mechanical equipment to thin overly dense forests. The project would also haul marketable logs to an appropriate sawmill and transport chipped biomass to a bioenergy generation facility.

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Project Location: The project area is located on Conservancy land near the community of Lake Forest, northeast of Tahoe City. The project area is surrounded by Conservancy lands to the north, east, and west. The southern border of the project area is adjacent to portions of Burton Creek State Park, the North Tahoe High School, and Tahoe City Public Utility District's Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area.

Environmental Effects: The Conservancy has prepared an IS/MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15063 and 15071. The Conservancy has studied the effects the proposed project may have on the environment. Based on the IS, and due to environmental protection measures that are incorporated into the project and additional required mitigation measures, the project would not result in significant environmental impacts after mitigation. Therefore, an IS/MND is proposed for compliance with the requirements of CEQA.

Where You Come In: As lead agency under CEQA, the Conservancy is releasing the IS/MND for public review and comments. The document is available for a 30-day public review period from April 13 to May 13, 2018.

Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments: Formal comments regarding the IS/MND may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail or email any time during the public review period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/MND or any questions regarding the document should be submitted no later than May 13, 2018. Comments may be sent to:

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Copies of the IS/MND, and the documents referenced in the IS/MND, are available for public review during regular business hours at the addresses listed below:

California Tahoe Conservancy 1061 Third Street South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	Kings Beach Library 301 Secline Street Kings Beach, CA 96143	Tahoe City Library 740 N. Lake Blvd Tahoe City, CA 96145	Placer County, Tahoe Planning Office 775 North Lake Blvd Tahoe City, CA 96145
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Digital copies of the IS/MND are available online at: <http://www.tahoe.ca.gov>

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the proposed project is scheduled during the Conservancy board meeting that will begin at 9:30 AM on June 21, 2018 located at the North Tahoe Event Center (8318 North Lake Blvd. Kings Beach, CA).