

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

City of Reno

Northwest Reno Fuels Reduction Project

LPDM-PJ-09-NV-2010-001

The City of Reno (City), Nevada, has applied, through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to reduce the risk to life and property by mitigating the fire hazard in the City (proposed project). The assistance would be provided through the Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (LPDM-PJ-09-NV-2010-001).

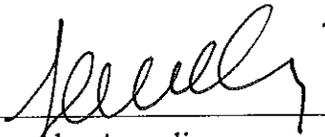
The proposed project consists of reducing the risk of damage and loss associated with wildfire events through implementation of a fuel reduction program in undeveloped City-owned areas in northwest Reno. Vegetation would be treated on approximately 374 acres in small and large canyons and on hillsides adjacent to developed areas. Vegetation treatment would include cutting, chipping, or masticating vegetation and either hauling it offsite or scattering it in the treatment areas to prevent erosion and inhibit the growth of weeds. The proposed project includes creating defensible space near existing structures.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, FEMA has prepared an *Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Northwest Reno Fuels Reduction Project* (August 2013) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Project on the quality of the human environment. The EA is available in FEMA's Resource and Document Library: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34500>.

A public notice announcing the availability of the Draft EA was posted in *Reno Gazette-Journal*, a newspaper with general circulation published daily in the City, and on FEMA's Resource and Document Library. No comments on the Draft EA were received during the 15-day comment period.

Based upon the information contained in the Final EA, a review of the applicable environmental laws, and compliance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. For more information, contact Donna M. Meyer, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer, at (510) 627-7728.


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Date