

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Nevada City
Nevada City – Fuel Reduction – Deer Creek Environs Program
PDMC-PJ-09-CA-2007-022

The City of Nevada City (City), California, has applied, through the California Emergency Management Agency, 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 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDMC-PJ-09-CA-2007-022).

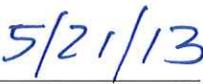
The Proposed Project consists of clearing vegetation (treatment) on approximately 40 acres (project area) within the City-owned Deer Creek Environs, an open space area. The City proposes to reduce the biomass in the project area by thinning trees and removing non-native plants, flammable dead and downed trees, brush, bushes, and ladder fuels. Sensitive resources such as watercourses would be avoided, and treatment would occur only during the dry season. The Proposed Project would reduce the risk of wildfire-related loss and damage in the City.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, FEMA has prepared a *Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Nevada City – Fuel Reduction – Deer Creek Environs Program* (April 2013) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Project on the human environment. The SEA tiers from the *Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Resulting from Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Rain, and Wind Disasters in California* (December 2003), prepared by FEMA. The PEA and the SEA are available at FEMA's website for Environmental Documents and Public Notices in Region IX: <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-5>.

A public notice announcing the availability of the SEA was posted in *The Union*, a newspaper with general circulation published daily in the City, and on FEMA's website for Environmental Documents and Public Notices in Region IX. No comments on the SEA were received during the 15-day comment period.

Based upon the information contained in the PEA and the SEA, 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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