

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 18, 2024

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Homewood Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Substantial Tree Removal Permit. Applicant: Homewood Village Resorts, LLC. 5145 W Lake Blvd, Homewood, CA 96141. Assessor's Parcels Numbers: 097-050-073; 097-050-088; 097-050-089; 097-050-091; 097-050-092; 097-060-016; 097-060-020; 097-060-023; 097-060-029; 097-060-030; 097-060-031; 097-060-036; 097-060-037; 097-060-038; 097-130-044; and 097-140-003, TRPA File Number/Permit Number: TREE2023-1582.

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

The Homewood Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project is a forest health project located on Homewood Mountain Resort in Placer County, CA. Forest health treatments will occur on approximately 346 acres including 252-acres of selected group timber harvest to improve forest stand conditions throughout the property and an additional 94 acres of hazard tree removal around ski runs. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) staff recommends that the Governing Board make the required findings and approve the proposed project.

Required Motions:

In order to approve the proposed project, the TRPA Governing Board must make the following motions, based on the staff summary and evidence in the record:

- 1) A motion to approve the required findings, including a finding of no significant effect; and
- 2) A motion to approve the proposed Homewood Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, subject to the conditions in the draft permit (see Attachment B).

For the motions to pass, an affirmative vote of at least five members from the State of California and at least nine members of the Board is required.

Governing Board Review:

The TRPA Code, Section 2.2.2.A.1.h., requires Governing Board review and approval of substantial harvest or tree removal plans.

Project Description:

The Homewood Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project will target suppressed, dead, dying, and non-resilient stands of timber to improve forest health. The objective of the project is to promote forest resilience and the desired phenology (species distribution) throughout the area and to bolster public safety by reducing the threat of severe wildfire.

Within the Homewood Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, there is significant drought mortality of the true fir stands (>40% mortality) due to excessive stocking and over competing. The Lake Tahoe Basin in Placer and El Dorado Counties has been listed as a Zone of Infestation for bark beetles (ca. 2016). This project will release and thin the forest stand for desired shade tolerant conditions and patches, including removal of over competing groups and individuals from the shade intolerant species composition throughout the plan area. The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) identified the west shore of Lake Tahoe as a high priority area for fuels reduction and forest health projects. This project will complement multiple other forest health projects planned or occurring on adjacent public lands in the area.

No tree removal will occur in the area of the proposed gondola or mid-mountain and base facilities associated with the proposed amendments to the Homewood Mountain Resort Master Plan. Tree removal in those areas must undergo a separate permitting process.

Site Description:

The project site is located within Homewood Mountain Resort on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe.

Environmental Review:

A TPRA Initial [Environmental Checklist \(IEC\)](#) was completed for this project and a determination of no significant impacts with mitigation was found.

Scenic Quality:

Timber operations will be visible temporarily in the area. The public will mostly view the project area from a moving vehicle traveling along the public roads. The following characteristics of the project lessen the visual impact: 1) The visual impact of the harvest will be low due to the use of uneven-aged or intermediate treatment silviculture, which will result in much of the vegetation remaining post-harvest in the area retaining a forested appearance; and, 2) The project occurs in an area where forest management and thinning is common on both private and public lands. There will be no impacts to scenic thresholds as all activities and impacts are temporary.

Tree Removal Plan:

The Timber Harvest Plan (THP) for the Homewood Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project was prepared by a Registered Professional Forester in conformance with the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (FPA) and the Forest Practice Rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (FPR). The THP identifies potential environmental impacts and imposes mitigation measures to substantially lessen or avoid those impacts. (Ibid.) The THP has been reviewed by the Cal. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which determined that the THP will not result in any significant unmitigated environmental impacts. Documents relating to the THP are available on the Lake Tahoe Info Tracker [here](#).

Land Coverage:

This project will not create new land coverage and all ground disturbance will be temporary. There are no new roads proposed with this project. Soil stabilization at significant landings may include mulching, wood chip coverage, silt fencing and straw wattles during construction and use. Construction of landings will only be during dry season and no construction or timber harvesting will occur on saturated soils.

Water Quality:

All watercourse and stream environment zones within the project area will be protected with a defined lineal flagging buffer of no less than 25-feet, and no crossings will occur on Class I or II streams outside of permanent crossings. Class I water course lake protection zones (WLPZ), Class III equipment limitation zones (ELZ), and Springs equipment exclusion zones (EEZ) are marked with Blue and White Flagging. No Timber Operations will occur within Class I WLPZ. No equipment will be run in Springs EEZ. All trees will be directionally felled away from springs and cable yarded. All vegetation in Springs EEZ will be retained and soil disturbance will be minimized.

Defensible Space and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone:

The entire project area and all state responsibility areas (SRA) land in the assessment area is mapped as very high fire hazard severity zoning as mapped by CAL FIRE. The area to the east, and North-South along the CA-89 West Lake Blvd transportation corridor serving the project area is densely populated along the Lake Tahoe shoreline, with limited egress, primarily served by CA-89 West Lake Blvd toward routes out of the Tahoe Basin. Local housing and vacation rental properties along CA-89 West Lake Boulevard, Sacramento Ave, and Sans Souci Blvd constitute this most populated area near the project's eastern boundary. Adjacent lands North, West, and South of the project area are predominately National Forest System (NFS).

Implementation of this project will improve forest health and defensible space by regulating stand density and thus decreasing the horizontal continuity of fuels. Additionally, a decrease in tree competition will reduce mortality in the project area and thus reduce surface fuel loadings. Implementation of the project will also facilitate active management of the area into the future, which will allow for maintenance and expansion of previously established fuel breaks.

Regional Plan Compliance:

The proposed project is consistent with the Regional Plan; and will advance goals and policies of the Conservation/Vegetation sub-element:

GOAL VEG-1 PROVIDE FOR A WIDE MIX AND INCREASED DIVERSITY OF PLANT COMMUNITIES IN THE TAHOE REGION.

POLICY VEG-1.1. FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN CONSISTENT WITH ACCEPTABLE STRATEGIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF FOREST HEALTH AND DIVERSITY, PREVENTION OF WILDFIRE, PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY, AND ENHANCEMENT OF WILDLIFE HABITATS.

Other Agency Reviews:

The timber harvest plan has been approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (THP No. 2-23-00114-PLA).

Contact Information: For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Kat McIntyre, Environmental Improvement Program Department Manager at 775-589-5268 or kmcintyre@trpa.gov. To submit a written public comment, email publiccomment@trpa.gov with the appropriate agenda item in the subject line. Written comments received by 4 p.m. the day before a scheduled public meeting will be distributed and posted to the TRPA website before the meeting begins. TRPA does not guarantee

written comments received after 4 p.m. the day before a meeting will be distributed and posted in time for the meeting.

Attachments:

- A. Required Findings/Rationale
- B. Draft Permit
- C. Initial Environmental Checklist
- D. V(g) Findings

Attachment A

Required Findings/Rationale

Attachment A

Required Findings/Rationale

Required Findings: The following is a list of the required findings as set forth in Chapters 3, 4, 30 and 61 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances. Following each finding, Agency staff has indicated if there is sufficient evidence contained in the record to make the applicable findings or has briefly summarized the evidence on which the finding can be made.

1. Chapter 3 – Required Findings:

Based on the information submitted in the IEC, and other information know to TRPA, TRPA shall make one of the following findings and take the identified action:

- (a) The proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment and a finding of no Significant effect shall be prepared in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, Section 6.6;
- (b) The proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment but, due to the mitigation measures that have been added to the project, the project could have no significant effect on the environment and a finding of no significant effect shall be prepared in accordance with Rules of Procedure Section 6.7; or
- (c) The proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment and an environmental impact statement shall be pared in accordance with Chapter 3 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances and the Rules of Procedure, Article 6.

Based on the information provided in this staff report, the project application, the Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC), and Article V(g) Findings Checklist, there is sufficient evidence demonstrating that the proposed project, with the proposed conditions and mitigation measures outlined in the THP, will not have a significant effect on the environment and a finding of no significant effect shall be prepared.

2. Chapter 4 – Required Findings:

- (a) The project is consistent with and will not adversely affect implementation of the Regional Plan, including all applicable Goals and Policies, Plan Area Statements and maps, the Code and other TRPA plans and programs.

Based on the information provided in this staff report, the project application, the Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC), and Article V(g) Findings Checklist, there is sufficient evidence demonstrating that the proposed project is consistent with and will not adversely affect implementation of the Regional Plan, including all applicable Goals and Policies, the TRPA Code and other TRPA plans and programs.

- (b) The project will not cause the environmental threshold carrying capacities to be exceeded.

TRPA staff has completed the “Article V(g) Findings” in accordance with Chapter 4, Subsection 4.3 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances. All responses contained on said checklist indicate compliance with the environmental threshold carrying capacities. The applicant also completed an IEC. No significant environmental impacts were identified, and staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

- (c) Wherever federal, state or local air and water quality standards applicable for the Region, whichever are strictest, must be attained and maintained pursuant to Article V(g) of the TRPA Compact, the project meets or exceeds such standards.

3. Chapter 61: Vegetation and Forest Health

- (a) Tree Removal: Before tree-related projects and activities are approved by TRPA, TRPA shall find, based on a report from a qualified forester, that the project or activity is consistent with this chapter and the Code. TRPA may delegate permit issuance to a federal, state, or other qualified agency through a memorandum of understanding.

The State-approved timber harvest plan was prepared by a registered forester and approved by the California Department of Forestry. The project is consistent with the TRPA Code of Ordinances including Chapter 61 standards for tree removal, vegetation protection, and revegetation. See additional information in the Tree Removal section of the staff report.

Attachment B

Draft Permit



DRAFT PERMIT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Timber Harvest Plan/Substantial Tree Removal at Homewood Mountain Resort

APN: 097-050-073

FILE: TREE2023-1582

PERMITTEE: Homewood Mountain Resort

COUNTY/LOCATION: Placer/Homewood Mountain Resort

Timber Harvest Plan # 2-23-00114-PLA

Having made the findings required by Agency ordinances and rules, TRPA approved the project on June 26, 2024, subject to the standard conditions of approval attached hereto (Attachment Q) and the special conditions found in this permit.

This permit shall expire on June 26, 2027, without further notice unless the construction has commenced prior to this date and diligently pursued thereafter. Diligent pursuit is defined as completion of the project within the approved construction schedule. The expiration date shall not be extended unless the project is determined by TRPA to be the subject of legal action which delayed or rendered impossible the diligent pursuit of the permit.

NO CONSTRUCTION OR GRADING SHALL COMMENCE UNTIL:

- (1) TRPA RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS PERMIT UPON WHICH THE PERMITTEE, OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, HAS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE PERMIT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT;
- (2) ALL PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ARE SATISFIED AS EVIDENCED BY TRPA'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS PERMIT;
- (3) THE PERMITTEE OBTAINS A COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT, IF NECESSARY. TRPA'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT. THE COUNTY PERMIT AND THE TRPA PERMIT ARE INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER AND MAY HAVE DIFFERENT EXPIRATION DATES AND RULES REGARDING EXTENSIONS; AND
- (4) A TRPA PRE-GRADING INSPECTION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER AND/OR THE CONTRACTOR.

_____ Date _____
TRPA Executive Director/Designee

PERMITTEE'S ACCEPTANCE: I have read the permit and the conditions of approval and understand and accept them. I also understand that I am responsible for compliance with all the conditions of the permit and am responsible for my agents' and employees' compliance with the permit conditions. I also understand that if the property is sold, I remain liable for the permit conditions until or unless the new owner acknowledges the transfer of the permit and notifies TRPA in writing of such acceptance. I also understand that certain mitigation fees associated with this permit are non-refundable once paid to TRPA. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to obtain any and all required approvals from any other state, local or federal agencies that may have jurisdiction over this project whether or not they are listed in this permit.

Signature of Permittee _____ Date _____



**APN: 097-050-073
FILE NO. TREE2023-1582**

Required plans determined to be in conformance with approval: Date: _____

TRPA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The permittee has complied with all pre-construction conditions of approval as of this date and is eligible for a county building permit:

TRPA Executive Director/Designee

Date

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. This permit authorizes substantial tree removal to implement the Homewood Mountain Resort Timber Harvest Plan for fuels reduction, wildfire risk mitigation, and forest health. The Timber Harvest Plan was approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and authorizes 346 acres including 252 acres of selected group timber harvest to improve forest conditions and an additional 94 acres for hazard tree removal around current ski runs. Timber harvesting is planned to begin in 2024.
2. The Standard Conditions of Approval listed in Attachment Q shall apply to this permit.
3. Prior to permit acknowledgement the permittee shall submit a spill prevention and control plan for TRPA review and approval.
4. An on-site inspection by TRPA staff is required prior to any construction or grading activity. TRPA staff shall determine if the on-site improvements required by Attachment Q (Standard Conditions of Approval) have been properly installed. No grading or construction shall commence until TRPA pre-grade conditions of approval are met.
5. Prior to the first-pre-grade inspection submit a construction schedule.
6. Operating on steep slopes (30% - 50%) shall comply with the TRPA Code of Ordinance section 61.1.6 and the Timber Harvest Plan.
7. The project shall implement and comply with the Timber Harvest Plan.
8. If timber harvesting occurs outside of the grading season (October 15 – May 1) the applicant shall submit a winter operating plan to TRPA for review and approval.
9. This permit does not authorize any new roads. Any existing logging roads and landings utilized will be upgraded to meet water quality standards including being hydrologically disconnected from watercourse and lakes to the extent feasible.



10. All mitigation identified in the Timber Harvest Plan shall be implemented prior to the close out of the permit.
11. If any potential cultural or historical artifacts are found in addition to those in the Timber Harvest Plan, work shall stop and the State Historic Preservation Office contacted.
12. No trees larger than 30" dbh shall be removed unless authorized in the Timber Harvest Plan and approved by TRPA.
13. No trees are permitted for removal in relation to future Homewood Mountain Resort expansion and upgrades including but not limited to the gondola, lodges, and resort infrastructure.
14. The project is exempt from the TRPA noise standards between the hours of 8:00 am – 6:30 pm.
15. This approval is based on the Permittee's representation that all plans and information contained in the subject application are true and correct. Should any information or representation submitted in connection with the project application be incorrect or untrue, TRPA may rescind this approval, or take other appropriate action.
16. To the maximum extent allowable by law, the permittee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless TRPA, its Governing Board, its Planning Commission, its agents, and its employees (collectively, TRPA) from and against any and all suits, losses, damages, injuries, liabilities, and claims by any person (a) for any injury (including death) or damage to person or property or (b) to set aside, attack, void, modify, amend, or annul any actions of TRPA. The foregoing indemnity obligation applies, without limitation, to any and all suits, losses, damages, injuries, liabilities, and claims by any person from any cause whatsoever arising out of or in connection with either directly or indirectly, and in whole or in part (1) the processing, conditioning, issuance, or implementation of this permit; (2) any failure to comply with all applicable laws and regulations; or (3) the design, installation, or operation of any improvements, regardless of whether the actions or omissions are alleged to be caused by TRPA or permittee.

Included within the permittee's indemnity obligation set forth herein, the permittee agrees to pay all fees of TRPA's attorneys and all other costs and expenses of defenses as they are incurred, including reimbursement of TRPA as necessary for any and all costs and/or fees incurred by TRPA for actions arising directly or indirectly from issuance or implementation of this permit. The permittee shall also pay all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by TRPA to enforce this indemnification agreement. If any judgment is rendered against TRPA in any action subject to this indemnification, the permittee shall, at its expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

END OF PERMIT

Attachment C

[Initial Environmental Checklist](#)



**INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
FOR DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Project Name: Homewood Mountain Timber Harvesting Plan

APN/Project Location: Please see project description for complete list of APNs. All at Homewood Mountain Resort.

County/City: Placer County

Project Description:

The project is a Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) (No. 2-23-00114-PLA). The THP covers 252 acres of selective timber harvesting to improve forest stand conditions, and 94 acres of land devoted to ski runs. The selection tree removal will target the removal of suppressed, dead, dying, and non-resilient stands of timber for forest health and risk reduction of catastrophic wildfire. The objective of the timber harvesting is to improve the remnant stands of forest and timber to a healthy and desirable physiological condition promoting forest resilience and the desired phenology throughout the area and to bolster public safety from severe wildfire.

The THP area includes the following APNs: 097-050-073; 097-050-088; 097-050-089; 097-050-091; 097-050-092; 097-060-016; 097-060-020; 097-060-023; 097-060-029; 097-060-030; 097-060-031; 097-060-036; 097-060-037; 097-060-038; 097-130-044; and 097-140-003.

The THP was prepared by a Registered Professional Forester in conformance with the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (FPA) and the Forest Practice Rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (FPR). (See 14 CCR 896 [the FPR "are intended to provide the exclusive criteria for reviewing THPs" and this process "substitutes for the EIR process under CEQA".]) The THP identifies potential environmental impacts and imposes mitigation measures to substantially lessen or avoid those impacts. (Ibid.)

The THP has been reviewed by the Cal. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which determined that the THP will not result in any significant unmitigated environmental impacts and found that the THP conforms with both the FPA and the FPR. Accordingly, TRPA may find that the THP meets the requirements for tree removal set forth in section 61.1 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances. (TRPA Code, § 61.1.5, subd. (C).)

The complete official record for the THP can be found online at <https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/>

<https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/Default.aspx> by searching for Plan Number 2-23-00114-PLA and viewing the following files: 20231012_2-23-00114PLA_Sec1_App.pdf; 20231012_2-23-00114PLA_Sec2_App.pdf; 20231012_2-23-00114PLA_Sec3_App.pdf; 20231012_2-23-00114PLA_Sec4_App.pdf; 20231012_2-23-00114PLA_Sec5_App.pdf; 20231012_2-23-00114PLA_Sec6_App.pdf.

The following questionnaire will be completed by the applicant based on evidence submitted with the application. All "Yes" and "No, With Mitigation" answers will require further written comments. Use the blank boxes to add any additional information and reference the question number and letter. If more space is required for additional information, please attached separate sheets and reference the question number and letter.

For information on the status of TRPA environmental thresholds click on the links to the Threshold Dashboard.

I. Environmental Impacts

1. Land

Current and historic status of soil conservation standards can be found at the links below:

- [Impervious Cover](#)
- [Stream Environment Zone](#)

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Compaction or covering of the soil beyond the limits allowed in the land capability or Individual Parcel Evaluation System (IPES)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. A change in the topography or ground surface relief features of site inconsistent with the natural surrounding conditions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Unstable soil conditions during or after completion of the proposal?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Changes in the undisturbed soil or native geologic substructures or grading in excess of 5 feet?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. The continuation of or increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sand, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion, including natural littoral processes, which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of a lake?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, backshore erosion, avalanches, mud slides, ground failure, or similar hazards?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

d. "Item #18 - Soil Stabilization" of the THP on pages 21 to 24 employs mitigation measures during timber harvesting activities to protect soil and water quality resources.

Soil stabilization at significant landings may include, mulching, wood chip coverage; silt fencing and straw wattles during construction and use. Construction of landings will only be during dry season and no construction or timber harvesting will occur on saturated soils.

2. Air Quality

Current and historic status of air quality standards can be found at the links below:

- [Carbon Monoxide \(CO\)](#)
- [Nitrate Deposition](#)
- [Ozone \(O3\)](#)
- [Regional Visibility](#)
- [Respirable and Fine Particulate Matter](#)
- [Sub-Regional Visibility](#)

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Substantial air pollutant emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Deterioration of ambient (existing) air quality?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The creation of objectionable odors?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Increased use of diesel fuel?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

e. The project will use diesel powered, heavy equipment during timber harvesting activities. All engines employed as part of this THP are registered and CARB certified, and meet State of CA clean emissions standards for compliance.



3. Water Quality

Current and historic status of water quality standards can be found at the links below:

- [Aquatic Invasive Species](#)
- [Deep Water \(Pelagic\) Lake Tahoe](#)
- [Groundwater](#)
- [Nearshore \(Littoral\) Lake Tahoe](#)
- [Other Lakes](#)
- [Surface Runoff](#)
- [Tributaries](#)
- [Load Reductions](#)

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff so that a 20 yr. 1 hr. storm runoff (approximately 1 inch per hour) cannot be contained on the site?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Alterations to the course or flow of 100-year flood waters?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground water?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Change in the quantity of groundwater, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding and/or wave action from 100-year storm occurrence or seiches?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. The potential discharge of contaminants to the groundwater or any alteration of groundwater quality?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Is the project located within 600 feet of a drinking water source?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

e. "Item #26 - Watercourse Lake Protection Zone (WLPZ) Protection Measures" of the THP provide measures to protect water quality. All watercourse and stream environment zones will be protected with a defined lineal flagging buffer of no less than 25-feet, and no crossings will occur on Class I or II streams outside of permanent crossings.



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4. Vegetation

Current and historic status of vegetation preservation standards can be found at the links below:

- [Common Vegetation](#)
- [Late Seral/Old Growth Ecosystems](#)
- [Sensitive Plants](#)
- [Uncommon Plant Communities](#)

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Removal of native vegetation in excess of the area utilized for the actual development permitted by the land capability/IPES system?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Removal of riparian vegetation or other vegetation associated with critical wildlife habitat, either through direct removal or indirect lowering of the groundwater table?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Introduction of new vegetation that will require excessive fertilizer or water, or will provide a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Change in the diversity or distribution of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, micro flora, and aquatic plants)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare, or endangered species of plants?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Removal of stream bank and/or backshore vegetation, including woody vegetation such as willows?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Removal of any native live, dead or dying trees 30 inches or greater in diameter at breast height (dbh) within TRPA's Conservation or Recreation land use classifications?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. A change in the natural functioning of an old growth ecosystem?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

d. As described on page 18 of the THP, there has been extensive mortality of the true fir stands. One intent of this project is to reduce competition of suppressed and successive fir encroachment to the forest stand by removal of a portion of these trees (suppressed fir species) within the stand. The harvest will improve health, vigor and productivity of the retained tree species with definitive stand dynamics based on species physiology.

g. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA); Code of Ordinances Section 61.37.1.A provides protections for trees over 30-inches dbh. All trees indicated for removal over 30-inches dbh meet one of the exceptions for "westside forest types" under these standards. Any trees over 30-inches dbh slated for removal and harvest will be marked by an RPF under the THP.

5. Wildlife

Current and historic status of special interest species standards can be found at the links below:

- [Special Interest Species](#)

Current and historic status of the fisheries standards can be found at the links below:

- [Instream Flow](#)
- [Lake Habitat](#)
- [Stream Habitat](#)

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Change in the diversity or distribution of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, insects, mammals, amphibians or microfauna)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Reduction of the number of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Deterioration of existing fish or wildlife habitat quantity or quality?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

a., b. "Items 32-35 Biological Resources" can be found on pages 64-71 of the THP. Surveys for plants and wildlife were conducted. Specific enforceable language has been incorporated into the THP with input from California Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure protections.

Amphibian Protection Measures: Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog has potential to occur in all Class I and Class II watercourses adjacent the plan boundary. Although the species has not been documented or observed in the downstream reaches of Homewood Creek or canyon or within the plan boundary, there are speculated species occurrence in the upper watershed of Homewood Creek and known occurrences outside of the plan boundary near Lake Louise (headwaters of Madden Creek – Class I watercourse) all located outside of the plan boundary.

Bird Protection Measures: If project-related activities are to be initiated during the nesting season (January 1 to August 31), a pre-construction nesting bird clearance survey shall be conducted no more than three (3) days prior to the start of any ground disturbance, including staging of equipment. If no active nests are detected during the clearance survey, project activities may begin, and no additional avoidance and minimization measures would be required.

If an active nest is found, the bird species shall be identified, and a 300 foot "no-disturbance" buffer shall be established around the active nest. A qualified biologist may determine if a change in that buffer is appropriate based on species and tolerance to disturbance. Once the young have fledged and left the nest, or the nest otherwise becomes inactive under natural conditions, project activities within the "no-disturbance" buffer may occur. All active nest monitoring will be performed by a qualified biologist.

If an active nest is discovered during Timber Operations, the LTO shall cease all work within a 300' buffer and notify the RPF and for additional survey and no disturbance buffers as above.

6. Noise

Current and historic status of the noise standards can be found at the links below:

- [Cumulative Noise Events](#)
- [Single Noise Events](#)

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Increases in existing Community Noise Equivalency Levels (CNEL) beyond those permitted in the applicable Area Plan, Plan Area Statement, Community Plan or Master Plan?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Single event noise levels greater than those set forth in the TRPA Noise Environmental Threshold?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The placement of residential or tourist accommodation uses in areas where the existing CNEL exceeds 60 dBA or is otherwise incompatible?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. The placement of uses that would generate an incompatible noise level in close proximity to existing residential or tourist accommodation uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Exposure of existing structures to levels of ground vibration that could result in structural damage?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

Timber Operations will contribute intermittent and temporary noise by way of logging equipment, not expected to be significant. All timber operations will be conducted during daylight hours and no operations shall occur on legal holidays.



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7. Light and Glare

Will the proposal:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Include new or modified sources of exterior lighting?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Create new illumination which is more substantial than other lighting, if any, within the surrounding area?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Cause light from exterior sources to be cast off -site or onto public lands?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Create new sources of glare through the siting of the improvements or through the use of reflective materials?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

8. Land Use

Will the proposal:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Include uses which are not listed as permissible uses in the applicable Area Plan, Plan Area Statement, adopted Community Plan, or Master Plan?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Expand or intensify an existing non-conforming use?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9. Natural Resources

Will the proposal result in:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. A substantial increase in the rate of use of any natural resources? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Substantial depletion of any non-renewable natural resource? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Discussion

Although the plan will generate timber from forest byproducts, a natural resource, there is no increase or deviation from a normal timber harvesting plan.

10. Risk of Upset

Will the proposal:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation in the event of an accident or upset conditions? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Involve possible interference with an emergency evacuation plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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11. Population

Will the proposal:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population planned for the Region? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Include or result in the temporary or permanent displacement of residents? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Discussion

12. Housing

Will the proposal:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?
<i>To determine if the proposal will affect existing housing or create a demand for additional housing, please answer the following questions:</i> | | | | |
| 1. Will the proposal decrease the amount of housing in the Tahoe Region? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the proposal decrease the amount of housing in the Tahoe Region historically or currently being rented at rates affordable by lower and very-low-income households? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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13. Transportation / Circulation

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Generation of 650 or more new average daily Vehicle Miles Travelled?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Changes to existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems, including highway, transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

Vehicular Traffic Impacts are addressed on pages 108-109 of the THP. There is temporary additional traffic from logging trucks during Timber Operations. Any logging truck activity occurring during the normal peak summer tourist season will adhere to traffic control and safety egress from Tahoe Ski Bowl Way at W. Lake Blvd. Additionally, the round trip vehicle miles from the project site to a timber sawmill is 120 miles (RT). There will be no more than four loads of log trucks delivered to the sawmill in one day due to the limit of truck capacity.



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14. Public Services

Will the proposal have an unplanned effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas?:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Fire protection?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Police protection?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Schools?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Parks or other recreational facilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Other governmental services?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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15. Energy

Will the proposal result in:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Discussion:

16. Utilities

Except for planned improvements, will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Power or natural gas? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Communication systems? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Utilize additional water which amount will exceed the maximum permitted capacity of the service provider? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Utilize additional sewage treatment capacity which amount will exceed the maximum permitted capacity of the sewage treatment provider? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Storm water drainage? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Solid waste and disposal? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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17. Human Health

Will the proposal result in:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Discussion

18. Scenic Resources / Community Design

Current and historic status of the scenic resources standards can be found at the links below:

- [Built Environment](#)
- [Other Areas](#)
- [Roadway and Shoreline Units](#)

Will the proposal:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Be visible from any state or federal highway, Pioneer Trail or from Lake Tahoe? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Be visible from any public recreation area or TRPA designated bicycle trail? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Block or modify an existing view of Lake Tahoe or other scenic vista seen from a public road or other public area? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Be inconsistent with the height and design standards required by the applicable ordinance, Community Plan, or Area Plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Be inconsistent with the TRPA Scenic Quality Improvement Program (SQIP) or Design Review Guidelines? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Discussion

Visual Resources are addressed on page 108 of the THP. Timber Operations will be visible temporarily in the area.



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19. Recreation

Current and historic status of the recreation standards can be found at the links below:

- [Fair Share Distribution of Recreation Capacity](#)
- [Quality of Recreation Experience and Access to Recreational Opportunities](#)

Will the proposal:

- | | Yes | No | No, with mitigation | Data insufficient |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Create additional demand for recreation facilities? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Create additional recreation capacity? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Have the potential to create conflicts between recreation uses, either existing or proposed? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Result in a decrease or loss of public access to any lake, waterway, or public lands? | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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20. Archaeological / Historical

Will the proposal result in:

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. An alteration of or adverse physical or aesthetic effect to a significant archaeological or historical site, structure, object or building?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Is the proposed project located on a property with any known cultural, historical, and/or archaeological resources, including resources on TRPA or other regulatory official maps or records?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Is the property associated with any historically significant events and/or sites or persons?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Does the proposal have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnic cultural values?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Will the proposal restrict historic or pre-historic religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

b. Extensive Cultural Resource surveys and review has taken place as part of the preparation of the Timber Harvesting Plan. There has been notification made to local tribes, historical record searches and ground surveys. The THP process keeps Cultural Resource findings confidential to protect resources. The THP also includes measures for protection of unknown resources if found. Review of the resources and protection measures have been reviewed and incorporated into the THP. The protection measures include the placement of visual flagging exclusion boundary and the notification to the State Archaeologist if cultural resources are identified during timber harvesting activities.

21. Findings of Significance

	Yes	No	No, with mitigation	Data insufficient
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California or Nevada history or prehistory?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time, while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environmental is significant?)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Does the project have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects on human being, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Discussion

The project has individually limited impacts that will be mitigated throughout timber harvesting activities, and cumulatively no significant impact due to the enhanced stewardship nature of the project as a whole. The project aims to improve ecosystem health, increase forest resiliency to pests and extreme wildfire behavior, and add to public safety in Homewood.



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DECLARATION:

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: **Jacqueline Braver** Digitally signed by Jacqueline Braver
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Person preparing application

County

Date

Applicant Written Comments: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Determination:

On the basis of this evaluation:

- a. The proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment and a finding of no significant effect shall be prepared in accordance with TRPA's Rules of Procedure YES NO
- b. The proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, but due to the listed mitigation measures which have been added to the project, could have no significant effect on the environment and a mitigated finding of no significant effect shall be prepared in accordance with TRPA's Rules and Procedures. YES NO
- c. The proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment and an environmental impact statement shall be prepared in accordance with this chapter and TRPA's Rules of Procedures. YES NO

Bruce Barr

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Date

Title of Evaluator

Attachment D

[V\(g\) Findings](#)

PROJECT REVIEW CONFORMANCE CHECKLIST & V (g) FINDINGS

(Commercial/Tourist Accommodation/Public Service/Recreation/Resource Mngt.)

Project Name: Homewood Mountain Fuels Reduction/Forest Health Project

Project Type: EIP Forest Health/Fuels Reduction

APN / Project Number: See Initial Environmental Checklist for list of APN's

Project Review Planner: Bruce Barr Date of Review: 6/7/24

NOTE: if the answer to question b. on any of the following questions is no, please provide a written justification on a separate sheet for making the findings required in subsections 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 of the code. If the answer to question b. is yes or if no answer is required, this checklist shall serve as justifications for making said findings. Any positive impacts of the project on the thresholds that have not been addressed in these questions should also be noted.

CATEGORY: AIR QUALITY

THRESHOLD: CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

INDICATOR: (CO) 8-hr. avg. Stateline CA station

- | | | | | | | |
|----|----|---|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | a. | Does the project generate new vehicle trips? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.2.4.B.1? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | a. | Does the project create new points of vehicular access? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 34.3.2? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | a. | Does the project include combustion appliances? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.1.4? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | a. | Does the project include a new stationary source of CO? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.1.6? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |

THRESHOLD: OZONE

INDICATOR: Ozone, 1-hr. avg. Lk. Tahoe Blvd station

- | | | | | | | |
|----|----|---|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | a. | Does the project increase regional VMT? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.2.4? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | a. | Does the project include new gas/oil space/water heaters? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.1.4? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | a. | Does the project include a new stationary source of NO ² ? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.1.6? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |

THRESHOLD: PARTICULATE MATTER

INDICATOR: Part. Matter, 24-hr. avg. Lk. Tahoe Blvd station

- | | | | | | | |
|----|----|---|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | a. | Does the project increase airborne dust emissions? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 60.4.3? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | a. | Does the project include a new stationary source of particulate matter? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | b. | If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.1.6? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. a. Refer to question 1, Ozone, above.

THRESHOLD: VISIBILITY

INDICATOR: miles of visibility, veg and subregional path

1. a. Refer to questions 1-3, Particulate Matter, above.

THRESHOLD: TRAFFIC VOLUME
US 50 CORRIDOR, WINTER, 4pm-12am

INDICATOR: traffic volume, US 50 at Park Ave.
Jan.-Mar. avg., 4pm-12am

1. a. Refer to question 1, CO, above.

THRESHOLD: NO² EMISSIONS

INDICATOR: VMT

1. a. Refer to questions 1-2, VMT, below.

THRESHOLD: WOOD SMOKE

INDICATOR: number of wood heaters

1. a. Does the project include any new wood heaters? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.1.4.B? Y N

THRESHOLD: VMT

INDICATOR: changes in number of trips and avg. trip length

1. a. Does the project increase average trip length? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 65.2.4.B? Y N
2. a. refer to question 1, CO, above.

CATEGORY: WATER QUALITY

THRESHOLD: TURBIDITY

INDICATOR: turbidity of indicator stations

1. a. Does the project increase impervious coverage or create permanent soil disturbance? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 60.2.3? Y N
2. a. Does the project create temporary soil disturbance? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 60.4.3? Y N
3. a. Does the project require the use of fertilizer? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 60.1.8? Y N
4. a. Does the project include domestic wastewater discharge to the surface or groundwater? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 60.1.3.B? Y N
5. a. Does the project disturb or encroach on an existing SEZ? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 30.5? Y N

THRESHOLD: CLARITY, WINTER (IN LAKE)

INDICATOR: secch depth, Dec.-Mar. avg. TRG index station

1. a. Refer to questions 1-5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: PHYTOPLANKTON PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY (IN LAKE)

INDICATOR: phyto, primary productivity, ann. Avg., TRG index station

1. a. Refer to questions 1-5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: DIN LOAD, SURFACE RUNOFF

INDICATOR: DIN x discharge, tributary network annual total 1

1. a. Refer to questions 1, 2, 3 and 5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: DIN LOAD, GROUNDWATER

INDICATOR: DIN x discharge, grndwtr. Network, annual total

1. a. Refer to questions 2 & 3, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: DIN LOAD, ATMOSPHERIC

INDICATOR: NO3 + HNO, annual avg. Lake Tahoe Blvd station

1. a. Refer to question 4, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: NUTRIENT LOADS, GENERAL

INDICATOR: sol. P x discharge sol. Fe x

1. a. Refer to questions 1-5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: TOTAL N, P, Fe, (trib.) CA ONLY

INDICATOR: single reading, tributary network

1. a. Refer to questions 1, 2, 3, and 5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: DIN; SOL, P, Fe, SS (trib.) NV ONLY

INDICATOR: single reading tributary network

1. a. Refer to questions 1, 2, 3 and 5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: DIN, SOL, P, Fe, SS, GREASE/OIL DISCHARGED TO SURFACE WATER FROM RUNOFF

INDICATOR: single reading runoff sites

1. a. Does the project route impervious surface runoff directly into Lake Tahoe or a major tributary? Y N
- b. If yes, is the discharge structure consistent with BMP handbook? Y N
2. a. Does the project create large impervious areas (e.g. parking lots) which may serve as a source of airborne pollutants, grease or oil? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsections 60.4.3, 60.4.6, 60.4.9? Y N

THRESHOLD: TOTAL N, TOTAL P, TOTAL Fe TURBIDITY, GREASE/OIL DISCHARGE TO GRDWTR FROM RUNOFF

INDICATOR: single reading runoff site

1. a. Does the project include infiltration devices to infiltrate impervious surface runoff directly underground? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 60.4.6? Y N

CATEGORY: SOIL CONSERVATION

THRESHOLD: IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE

INDICATOR: area or coverage

1. a. Does the project include new or relocated coverage? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 30.4, 30.5, 30.6? Y N

THRESHOLD: NATURALLY-FUNCTIONING SEZ

INDICATOR: area of SEZ

1. a. Does the project disturb or encroach on a naturally-functioning SEZ? Y N
b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 30.5? Y N

CATEGORY: VEGETATION

THRESHOLD: PLANT & STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY

INDICATOR: plant & structural diversity

1. a. Does the project create a change in diversity? Y N
b. If yes, does the project include vegetation management techniques to increase diversity (reveg., thinning)? Y N

THRESHOLD: MEADOW & RIPARIAN VEGETATION

INDICATOR: area of meadow & riparian veg.

1. a. Refer to question 5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: DECIDUOUS RIPARIAN VEGETATION

INDICATOR: area of riparian vegetation

1. a. Refer to question 5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: SHRUB ASSOCIATION

INDICATOR: area of shrub association

1. a. Does the project create an increase in the areal extent of the shrub association? Y N
b. If yes, has the additional area been calculated, and a determination been made that the total area is less than or equal to 25%? Y N

THRESHOLD: YELLOW PINE ASSOCIATION (not mature)

INDICATOR: area of yellow pine assoc.

1. a. Does the project create a change in the areal extent of the immature yellow pine association? Y N
b. If yes, has the additional area been calculated, and a determination made that the total area in the Region is between 15 and 25%? Y N

THRESHOLD: RED FIR ASSOCIATION

INDICATOR: area of red fir assoc.

1. a. Does the project create a change in the areal extent of the immature red fir association? Y N
b. If yes, has the additional area been calculated, and a determination made that the total area in the Region is between 15 and 25%? Y N

THRESHOLD: FOREST OPENINGS

INDICATOR: size and location of forest openings

1. a. Does the project create new forest openings? Y N
b. If yes, is the new opening less than 8 acres? Y N

2. a. Does the project create new forest openings adjacent to other openings? Y N
- b. If yes, are the resultant adjacent openings not of the same relative age class or successional stage? Y N

THRESHOLD: UNCOMMON PLANT COMMUNITITES

INDICATOR: habitat sites

1. a. Will the project impact the habitats for the deepwater sphagnum bog, Osgood Swamp, or the Freel Peak Cushing Plant Community? Y N
- b. If yes, have modifications been included in the project to protect these plant communities? Y N

THRESHOLD: SENSITIVE VEGETATION

INDICATOR: number of habitat sites

1. a. Will the project impact the habitats of the Carex paucifructus, the Lewis pyomaea longipetala, the Draba asterophora v., or the Rorippa subumbellata? Y N
- b. If yes, have modifications been included in the project to protect these plant communities? Y N

CATEGORY: WILDLIFE

THRESHOLD: SPECIAL INTEREST SPECIES

INDICATOR: number of habitat sites

1. a. Will the project result in the loss, modification or increased disturbance of habitat site for goshawk, osprey, bald eagle, (winter and nesting), golden eagle, peregrine falcon, waterfowl, or deer, as mapped on official TRPA maps? Y N
- b. If yes, have modifications been included in the project to protect these habitat sites? Y N

CATEGORY: FISHERIES

THRESHOLD: EXCELLENT STREAM HABITAT

INDICATOR: sites of excellent stream habitat

1. a. Does the project include stream channelization, stream dredging, removal of rock or gravel from a stream, culverts, bridges, or water diversions affecting a stream identified as fish habitat? Y N
- b. If yes, have modifications been included in the project to offset impacts on stream habitat and contribute to the upgrading of stream habitat? Y N
2. a. Will the project result in siltation, urban runoff, snow disposal, or litter that may affect water quality in a stream identified as fish habitat? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsections 60.4.3 and 60.4.6? Y N

THRESHOLD: GOOD STREAM HABITAT

INDICATOR: miles of good stream habitat

1. a. Refer to questions 1 and 2, above.

THRESHOLD: MARGIANL STREAM HABITAT

INDICATOR: miles of marginal stream habitat

1. a. Refer to questions 1 and 2, above.

THRESHOLD: INSTREAM FLOWS

INDICATOR: increase flows

- 1. a. Does the project include new water diversions? Y N
- b. If yes, is there evidence in the record to indicate that flows will remain within adopted TRPA standards or, in the absence of adopted standards, that flows will not be diminished? Y N
- 2. a. Does the project include new coverage or disturbance that could contribute to uncontrolled runoff reaching a stream identified as fish habitat? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsections 60.4.3 and 60.4.6? Y N
- 3. a. Refer to question 5, turbidity, above.

THRESHOLD: LAKE HABITAT

INDICATOR: area of excellent habitat

- 1. a. Does the project include development in the shorezone, removal of rock or gravel from the lake, or removal of vegetation in the shorezone? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Chapters 80-86? Y N
- 2. a. Does the project increase the potential for siltation, runoff, or erosion entering Lake Tahoe? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsections 60.4.3 and 60.4.6? Y N

CATEGORY: NOISE

THRESHOLD: SINGLE EVENT, AIRCRAFT, DAYTIME

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, TRPA ref. points, 8am-8pm, single reading

- 1. a. Does the project involve the commercial or private operation of aircraft? Y N
- b. If yes, does the project comply with the Interim Service Agreement affecting aircraft operations at the South Lake Tahoe Airport, or will the project meet the TRPA noise thresholds, or is the project exempt under Code section 68.9? Y N

THRESHOLD: SINGLE EVENT, AIRCRAFT, NIGHTTIME

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, TRPA ref. points, 8am-8pm, single reading

- 1. a. Refer to question 1, single event, aircraft, above.

THRESHOLD: SINGLE-EVENT, BOATS

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, at 50 ft., single reading

- 1. a. Does the project involve a marina or boat launching facility? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 68.3? Y N

THRESHOLD: SINGLE-EVENT, MOTOR VEHICLE LESS THAN 6,000 LBS. CVM

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, at 50 ft., single reading

- 1. a. Does the project include the operation of fleet vehicles or other commercial vehicles? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 68.3? Y N

THRESHOLD: SINGLE-EVENT, MOTOR VEHICLE GREATER THAN 6,000 LBS. CVM

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, at 50 ft., single reading

1. a. Refer to question 1, single event, motor vehicle, above.

THRESHOLD: SINGLE-EVENT, MOTORCYCLE

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, at 50 ft., single reading

1. a. Does the project involve the offering of motorcycles for lease or rent or the operation of a motorcycle course? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 68.3? Y N

THRESHOLD: SINGLE-EVENT, ORVS

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, at 50 ft., single reading

1. a. Does the project involve the offering of ORVs for rent or lease or the operation of an ORV course? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 68.3? Y N

THRESHOLD: SINGLE-EVENT, SNOWMOBILES

INDICATOR: dBA, LMAX, at 50 ft., single reading

1. a. Does the project involve the offering of snowmobiles for rent or lease or the operation of a snowmobile course? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with Subsection 68.3? Y N

THRESHOLD: COMMUNITY NOISE EQUIVALENT LEVEL (CNEL)

1. a. Does the project involve the creation of a new or relocated land use? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with the applicable plan area statement? Y N
2. a. Is the project located within a transportation corridor as mapped on TRPA maps? Y N
- b. If yes, does the project include components to reduce the transmission of noise from the corridor, in accordance with the TRPA Design Review Guidelines? Y N
3. a. Does the project involve a use or activity for which TRPA has received a CNEL related noise complaint and for which TRPA has required remedial action in accordance with Chapter 68? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with the remedial action plan? Y N

CATEGORY: SCENIC RESOURCES

THRESHOLD: ROADWAY AND SHORELINE RATINGS

1. a. Is the project located within, or visible from, a roadway or shoreline unit targeted for scenic upgrading? Y N
- b. If yes, is the project consistent with the TRPA Scenic Quality Implementation Program (SQUIP)? Y N
2. a. Is the project located within, or visible from, a roadway or shoreline unit not targeted for scenic upgrading? Y N
- b. If yes, is there evidence in the record that the project will not cause a significant decrease in scenic quality, and is the project consistent with the TRPA Design Review Guidelines? Y N

CATEGORY: RECREATION

THRESHOLD: PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE HIGH QUALITY RECREATION EXPERIENCE

INDICATOR: dispersed rec. capacity

1. a. Is the project located in a conservation or recreation plan area? Y N
 b. If yes, is the project consistent with the applicable plan area statement? Y N

THRESHOLD: ESTABLISH FAIR SHARE OF CAPACITY FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

INDICATOR: PAOTs

1. a. Does the project require an allocation of PAOTs? Y N
 b. If yes, is the recreational opportunity involved available to the public? Y N

CATEGORY: CODE/RULES OF PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS

1. Does the project require Governing Board Review (Chapter 2)? Y N

5. Does the project require notice to adjacent property owners (Art. XII Rules of Procedure)? Y N

6. Is the project consistent with the following:

Chapter 2	(Project Review)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 6	(Tracking-Data Sheets/Log Book)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 21	(Permissible Uses)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 22	(Temporary Uses)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 30	(Coverage)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 31	(Density)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 32	(Basic Service)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 33.3	(Grading)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 33.4	(Special Reports)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 33.5	(Construction Schedule)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 33.6	(Vegetation Protection)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 34	(Driveways)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 34	(Parking)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 35	(Natural Hazards-Floodplain)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 36	(Design Standards)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 37	(Height)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 38	(Signs)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 50	(Allocations)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 51	(Transfers)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 52	(Bonus Units-MFD only)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 53	(IPES)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 60	(BMP's)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 60.1	(Water Quality)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 60.2	(Water Quality Mitigation)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 61.1	(Tree Removal)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 61.3.6	(Sensitive Plants/Fire Hazard)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 61.4	(Revegetation)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 62	(Wildlife)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 63	(Fish)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 65.1	(Air Quality)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 65.2	(Traffic/Air Quality Mitigation)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter 67	(Historic Resource)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>