FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT Douglas County Emergency Management: Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District

Glenbrook Fuels Management Project and Kingsbury Fuels Management Project

PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2009-003 and PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2009-004

The Douglas County Emergency Management, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District (TDFPD), 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 implement the Glenbrook Fuels Management Project and the Kingsbury Fuels Management Project (together referred to as the Proposed Project) in Douglas County, Nevada. The assistance would be provided to the TDFPD—as the Subgrantee—through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2009-003 and PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2009-004).

The Subrantee's proposal consists of fuel management projects that would reduce fuel loads on approximately 350.5 acres of privately owned land. Treatments would vary in the project area, depending on vegetation type and density, the timing of project implementation, and topographic slope. Fuel would be reduced with either mechanical equipment or with hand crews, using the following methods 1) hand thinning, 2) mastication, and 3) mechanical thinning. Adequate vegetation would be left onsite in all treatment areas to preclude the need for revegetation. The use of herbicides is not anticipated.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, FEMA has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project to address its impacts on the environment. The EA is available on-line at <u>http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-and-public-notice-0</u>.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the EA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 C.F.R. § 10 (2008) (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there would be no long-term adverse impacts on the quality of the human environment resulting from the proposed project. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027.

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