

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Caples Creek Watershed Fuel Reduction and Meadow Restoration Project

Project Location - Specific: Caples Creek Watershed on U.S. Forest Service Lands within El Dorado, Amador, and/or Alpine Counties

Project Location - City: approx 8 mi. SE of Kyburz **Project Location - County:** El Dorado, Amador, Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This project consists of planning efforts to implement a fuel reduction and meadow restoration actions within the Caples Creek watershed. During planning efforts EID and the Forest Service will identify areas of the watershed for restoration, determine what types of restoration actions are appropriate for each specific area, identify an implementation schedule, and conduct the appropriate CEQA/NEPA environmental review for the actions ultimately determined to be conducted. Potential restoration actions include reintroduction of fire and management of fire-adapted ecosystems. Previous Forest Service analysis has shown that fire suppression within the Caples Creek watershed over the past century has resulted in decreased forest health and resilience. Potential restoration actions also include meadow restoration. There are a number of meadow areas that have been impacted by past and ongoing activities including grazing, recreation and motorized vehicle use. Disturbances have compromised the functioning condition of some aspen stands, meadows, and streamside corridors.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: El Dorado Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado Irrigation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(2),(4); 15269(b),(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. (Section 15262)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of a planning study of possible future actions which the El Dorado Irrigation District has not approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dan Corcoran

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-642-4082

Signature:  **Date:** 1/23/12 **Title:** Environmental Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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Caples SNC Grant Proposal

Topographic Map

-  Caples Creek Watershed
-  Fuels Project
-  Meadow Restoration Projects
-  Dispersed Camping Locations
-  Building
-  Meadow

See ENF MVUM for Road and Trail Descriptions

