

# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

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Office of Community Planning and Development

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This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

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| 1. Program Title(s)<br><b>National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)</b>  | 2. HUD/State Identification Number<br><b>B-13-DS-06-0001</b>  | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s)<br>14.272   | 5. Name and address of responsible entity<br><b>CA Department of Housing and Community Development<br/>2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 400<br/>Sacramento, CA 95833</b> |   |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number)<br><b>Patrick Talbott- 916-263-2297</b>   | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)<br><b>Same</b>  |   |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request<br>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development<br>San Francisco Regional Office-Region IX<br>One Sansome Street, Suite 1200<br>San Francisco, CA 94104-4430 |   |   |

**The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following**

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| 9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s)<br><b>Forest and Watershed Health Project (FWHP).<br/>Activities consist of forest recovery and reforestation.</b> | 10. Location (Street address, city, county, State)<br>County of Tuolumne, Rim Fire Disaster Burn Scar, Maps of treatment areas are in Appendix B of each Record of Decision (ROD). |
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### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

The FWHP activities are funded under the HUD NDRC award in the amount of approximately \$28,000,000. There are three separate sets of activities under FWHP: 1) reforestation; 2) rangeland infrastructure; 3) fuel break expansion. This RROF pertains only to the reforestation activity under the FWHP which will be in the amount of approximately \$24,000,000. The other two FWHP activities will have separate environmental reviews. Reforestation activity NEPA compliance is covered by HCD adoption of two USFS FEIS reviews.

The first FEIS completed by the USFS, called Rim Fire Recovery, was finalized August 2014. The activities covered by the Recovery FEIS which will be conducted under the NDRC award consists of biomass removal to machine piling and mastication to reduce fuels for future forest resiliency.

The second FEIS completed by the USFS, called Rim Fire Reforestation, was finalized August 2016. The Reforestation FEIS was completed in anticipation of funding for long term reforestation efforts. The proposed action in the FEIS consists of a number of different activities, including deer habitat enhancement, natural regeneration, noxious weed eradication, reforestation, fuel reduction, plantation thinning and prescribed burning. Reforestation activities include site preparation, planting, release and prescribed burning approximately ten years after planting.

The actual locations where these reforestation activities are to take place are listed in each of the two RODs' Appendix A and shown on maps in Appendix B.

Based on analysis done in each of the two FEIS reviews and on the two Statutory Worksheets completed for HUD compliance, there are no required mitigation measures required as result of the reforestation activities funded by the NDRC award.

**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did  did not  require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity



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Title of Certifying Officer

Operations Branch Chief

Date signed

10/5/17

Address of Certifying Officer

2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95833

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)