



FEMA

November 4, 2024

Brett Compston, Homeland Security Chief
Governor's Authorized Representative
Nevada Division of Emergency Management
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Reference: Application Approval, HMGP FM-5448-2-2R
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
Joy Lake Defensible Space and Fuels Reduction, Phase 1
FIPS Code: 031-UHO0C, Supplement 1

Dear Brett Compston:

We approve and issue Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post-Fire funds for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, FM-5448-2-2R, Joy Lake Defensible Space and Fuels Reduction, Phase 1.

The total project cost for phase one is \$71,637.00. As shown in the enclosed Obligation Report - Supplement 1, we are obligating \$53,727.75 for the 74.9 percent Federal share; the 25.1 percent non-Federal share is \$17,909.25. We are obligating \$3,581.85 for the 100% Federal share Subrecipient Management Costs. These funds are available in SmartLink for immediate and eligible disbursements. The following is a summary of the approved funding:

| Project Phase: | Federal Share: | Non-Federal Share: | Total Project Cost: |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Phase 1, Supplement 1 | \$53,727.75 | \$17,909.25 | \$71,637.00 |
| Phase 1, Management Costs | \$3,581.85 | \$0.00 | \$3,581.85 |

This HMGP project approval and obligation of funds are subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Scope of Work (SOW)** – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District will conduct a phased fuels reduction project on 160 acres of private property in Washoe County, Nevada in the Galena Forest Estates bounded by Mt Rose Highway to the west and Highway 580/Old US-395 to the Southeast. The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous fuels and wildfire risks in the District's highest fire danger areas, which include removing sections of brush to create a mosaic pattern throughout the current heavy brush and widening preexisting fuel breaks around roads. Phase 1 of the project includes an archaeological survey, desktop biological survey to identify threatened and endangered species and wildlife and migrating routes, securing homeowner approvals to participate in fuels reduction, and detailed mapping

of the treatment area. No ground disturbing activities will occur in Phase 1. This review covers Phase 1 (Surveying and Project Planning Implementation) activities only. This review does not cover Phase 2 (Defensible Fuel Reduction and Mistletoe Removal) activities, which will require separate review. No ground disturbance or structural activities are permitted during Phase 1 without prior notice to FEMA.

The following Phase 1 activities and deliverables are expected:

| Phase 1 Activity | Estimated Timeline |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Project Planning and Outreach | 6 Months |
| Surveying and Mapping | 6 Months |
| Obtain Hold Harmless Agreements | 6 Months |

Please provide the above-referenced deliverables once completed to the assigned FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistant (HMA) Specialist for review and inclusion within the official grant file.

- Phase 1 Completion Date** – The work schedule included with the project application indicates that Phase 1 will take 6 months to complete; therefore, the Phase 1 completion date is May 4, 2025. All Phase 1 project deliverables must be submitted to the assigned FEMA HMA Specialist by the Phase 1 completion date. Please inform the sub-recipient that work completed after this date is not eligible for federal funding, and that federal funds may be de-obligated for work completed outside the completion date when there is no approved time extension.
- Phase 2 Approval** – Please inform the sub-recipient that Phase 2 approval is contingent on programmatic review and Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) approval. Phase 2 activities may not commence until written approval has been received. Any Phase 2 activities completed prior to approval may be de-obligated. In addition, if Phase 2 is unapproved, federal funds may be de-obligated for previously completed Phase 1 activities.
- Record of Environmental Considerations (REC)** – Phase 1 of this project has been determined to be Categorical Excluded from the need to prepare either an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment in accordance with FEMA Instruction 108-1-1 and FEMA Directive 108-1-1 as authorized by DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001- 01, Revision 1. Categorical Exclusion A4 (information gathering, data analysis and processing, information dissemination, review, interpretation, and development of documents) has been applied. Particular attention should be given to the project conditions before and during project implementation. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize federal assistance, including funding.
- Standard Conditions** – This project approval is subject to the enclosed *Standard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Conditions*, amended August 2018. Please note that federal funds may be de-obligated for work that does not comply with these conditions.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jasmine Gonzalez, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Specialist, by email Jasmine.Gonzalez@fema.dhs.gov, or phone (771) 217-3848.

Sincerely,

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Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region 9

Enclosures (3):

Obligation Report - Supplement 1
Record of Environmental Considerations (REC)
Standard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Conditions

cc: Janell Woodward, Mitigation Officer, Nevada Division of Emergency Management
Robert McCord, Chief, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, FEMA Region 9

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Obligation

| Disaster No | FEMA Project No | Amendment No | State Application ID | Action No | Supplemental No | State | Recipient |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| 5448 | 2-R | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | NV | Statewide |

Subrecipient: TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DIS Project Title : TMFPD 5448 Joy Lake Defensible Space & Fuels Reduction Galena Forest
 Subrecipient FIPS Code: 031-UHO0C

| Total Amount Previously Allocated | Total Amount Previously Obligated | Total Amount Pending Obligation | Total Amount Available for New Obligation |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| \$53,727.75 | | \$0.00 | \$57,309.60 |

| Project Amount | Subrecipient Management Cost Amount | Total Obligation | IFMIS Date | IFMIS Status | FY |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------|
| \$53,727.75 | \$3,581.85 | \$57,309.60 | | Q | 2025 |

Comments

Date: 10/29/2024 User Id: SSCOTT39

Comment: Approved funding for HMGP FM-5448-2-2-TMFPD Joy Lake Defensible Space & Fuels Reduction Galena Forest Phase \$53,727.75 Federal Share and SRMC \$3,581.85, totaling \$57,309.60

Authorization

Preparer Name: STEVEN SCOTT

Preparation Date: 10/29/2024

HMO Authorization Name: JASMINE GONZALEZ

HMO Authorization Date: 10/29/2024

RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION (REC)

Project ID: HMGP-5448-0002-NV (HMGP 5448-002-002) (1)

Title: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Joy Lake Defensible Space and Fuels Reduction

NEPA DETERMINATION

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Non Compliant Flag: No | EA Draft Date: | EA Final Date: |
| EA Public Notice Date: | EA Fonsi Date: | Level: CATEX |
| EIS Notice of Intent Date: | EIS ROD Date: | |

Comments: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (Subapplicant) proposes a phased fuels reduction project on 160 acres of private property in Washoe County, Nevada in the Galena Forest Estates bounded by Mt Rose Highway to the west and Highway 580/Old US-395 to the Southeast (approximate center point 39.345616, -119.827528, approximate corner points 39.361079, -119.803253, 39.331623, -119.812930, 39.331671, -119.831371, 39.360815, -119.851838). The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous fuels and wildfire risks in the District's highest fire danger areas, which include removing sections of brush to create a mosaic pattern throughout the current heavy brush and widening preexisting fuel breaks around roads. Phase 1 of the project includes an archaeological survey, desktop biological survey to identify threatened and endangered species and wildlife and migrating routes, securing homeowner approvals to participate in fuels reduction, and detailed mapping of the treatment area. No ground disturbing activities are in proposed for Phase 1. This review covers Phase 1 (Surveying and Project Planning Implementation) activities only. This review does not cover Phase 2 (Defensible Fuel Reduction and Mistletoe Removal) activities, which will require separate review. No ground disturbance or structural activities are permitted during Phase 1 without prior notice to FEMA.

This project has been determined to be Categorically Excluded from the need to prepare either an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment in accordance with FEMA Instruction 108-1-1 and FEMA Directive 108-1-1 as authorized by DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, Revision 1. Categorical Exclusions A4 (information gathering, data analysis and processing, information dissemination, review, interpretation, and development of documents) and A7 (the commitment of resources, personnel, and funding to conduct audits, surveys, and data collection of a minimally intrusive nature) has been applied. Particular attention should be given to the project conditions before and during project implementation. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize federal assistance including funding. - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 21:18:59 GMT

CATEX CATEGORIES

| Catex Category Code | Description | Selected |
|---------------------|---|----------|
| a4 | (a4) Information gathering, data analysis and processing, information dissemination, review, interpretation, and development of documents. If any of these activities result in proposals for further action, those proposals must be covered by an appropriate CATEX. Examples include but are not limited to: (a) Document mailings, publication and distribution, training and information programs, historical and cultural demonstrations, and public affairs actions. (b) Studies, reports, proposals, analyses, literature reviews; computer modeling; and non-intrusive intelligence gathering activities. | Yes |
| a7 | (a7) The commitment of resources, personnel, and funding to conduct audits, surveys, and data collection of a minimally intrusive nature. If any of these commitments result in proposals for further action, those proposals must be covered by an appropriate CATEX. Examples include, but are not limited to: (a) Activities designed to support the improvement or upgrade management of natural resources, such as surveys for threatened and endangered species, wildlife and wildlife habitat, historic properties, and archeological sites; wetland delineations; timber stand examination; minimal water, air, waste, material and soil sampling; audits, photography, and interpretation. (b) Minimally-intrusive geological, geophysical, and geo-technical activities, including mapping and engineering surveys. (c) Conducting Facility Audits, Environmental Site Assessments and Environmental Baseline Surveys, and (d) Vulnerability, risk, and structural integrity assessments of infrastructure. | Yes |

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

| Extraordinary Circumstance Code | Description | Selected ? |
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RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION (REC)

Project ID: HMGP-5448-0002-NV (HMGP 5448-002-002) (1)

Title: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Joy Lake Defensible Space and Fuels Reduction

No Extraordinary Circumstances were selected

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW / EXECUTIVE ORDER

| Environmental Law/ Executive Order | Status | Description | Comments |
|---|-----------|--|---|
| Clean Air Act (CAA) | Completed | Project will not result in permanent air emissions - Review concluded | The Phase 1 scope of work associated with this project would not cause emissions of criteria pollutants or their precursors. Therefore, the Phase 1 scope of work associated with this undertaking is exempt from a conformity determination under the General Conformity Rule. - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 21:09:41 GMT |
| Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) | Completed | Project is not on or connected to CBRA Unit or otherwise protected area - Review concluded | |
| Clean Water Act (CWA) | Completed | Project would not affect any water of the U.S. - Review concluded | |
| Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) | Completed | Project is not located in a coastal zone area and does not affect a coastal zone area - Review concluded | |
| Executive Order 11988 - Floodplains | Completed | No effect on floodplain/flood levels and project outside floodplain - Review concluded | Phase 1 of the project involves environmental studies, securing homeowner approvals and, detailed mapping of the treatment area, which does not involve potential impacts to the floodplain. See attached map. - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 21:11:16 GMT |
| Executive Order 11990 - Wetlands | Completed | No effects on wetlands and project outside wetlands - Review concluded | Phase 1 of the project involves environmental studies, securing homeowner approvals and, detailed mapping of the treatment area, which does not involve potential impacts to wetlands. See attached map. - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 21:12:02 GMT |
| Executive Order 12898 - Environmental Justice for Low Income and Minority Populations | Completed | No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project - Review concluded | This project has been determined to have limited or no potential to adversely affect minority or low-income populations according to Exemption VI.h. (planning-related activities) in Step 1 of the EO 12898 Interim Guidance, dated September 2023. FEMA has no further EO 12898 responsibilities with regard to these activities. - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 21:13:03 GMT |
| Endangered Species Act (ESA) | Completed | Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the federal action | A No Effect Memorandum has been prepared as it has been determined that the proposed actions would result in No Effect to federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service is not required. See attached No Effect Memorandum. - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 21:03:13 GMT |

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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| Environmental Law/ Executive Order | Status | Description | Comments |
|--|---------------|---|--|
| | Completed | No effect to species or designated critical habitat (See comments for justification) - Review concluded | |
| Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) | Completed | Project does not affect designated prime or unique farmland - Review concluded | |
| Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) | Completed | Project does not affect, control, or modify a waterway/body of water - Review concluded | |
| Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) | Completed | Project located within a flyway zone | |
| | Completed | Project does not have potential to take migratory birds - Review concluded | |
| Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) | Completed | Project not located in or near Essential Fish Habitat - Review concluded | |
| National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) | Completed | Not type of activity with potential to affect historic properties - Review concluded | Pursuant to Stipulation I.A.7.d. (data gathering, and reporting in support of emergency and disaster planning, response and recovery, and hazard activities.) of the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, signed September 6, 2023, FEMA has determined that Phase 1 of the undertaking as described will have no potential to affect historic properties. Thus, Phase 1 of the undertaking does not require SHPO review, and FEMA has no further Section 106 responsibilities in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1). - jgladsto - 07/12/2024 20:53:23 GMT |
| Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSR) | Completed | Project is not along and does not affect Wild and Scenic River - Review concluded | |

CONDITIONS

Standard Conditions:

Any change to the approved scope of work will require re-evaluation for compliance with NEPA and other Laws and Executive Orders.

This review does not address all federal, state and local requirements. Acceptance of federal funding requires recipient to comply with all federal, state and local laws. Failure to obtain all appropriate federal, state and local environmental permits and clearances may jeopardize federal funding.

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If ground disturbing activities occur during construction, applicant will monitor ground disturbance and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, will immediately cease construction in that area and notify the State and FEMA.

Standard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Conditions

FEMA Region IX, August, 2018

The following list applies to Recipients and Subrecipients accepting HMGP funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

1. **Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations.** The Recipient/Subrecipient must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations, regardless of whether they are on this list or other project documents. DHS financial assistance Recipients and Subrecipients are required to follow the provisions of the State HMGP Administrative Plan, applicable Hazard Mitigation Assistance Uniform Guidance, and Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, adopted by DHS in 2 CFR 3002.
2. **Financial Management Systems.** The Recipient and Subrecipient must maintain financial management systems to account for and track funds, as referenced in 2 CFR 200.302.
3. **Match or Cost Share.** Non-federal match or cost share must comply with 2 CFR 200.306, the scope of work (SOW), and any agreements among the Subrecipient, the Recipient, and FEMA.
4. **Budget Changes.** Unanticipated adjustments are permitted within the approved total cost. However, if costs exceed the federal share, the Subrecipient must notify the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) of overruns before implementation. The GAR shall submit a written request for approval to FEMA Region IX. The subaward must continue to meet HMGP requirements, including cost effectiveness and cost share. Refer to 2 CFR 200.308 for additional information.
5. **Real Property and Land.** The acquisition, use, and disposition must comply with 2 CFR 200.311.
6. **Equipment.** The acquisition, use, and disposition must comply with 2 CFR 200.313.
7. **Supplies.** Upon project completion, FEMA must be compensated for unused supplies, exceeding \$5,000 (fair market value), and not needed for other federal programs. Refer to 2 CFR 200.314.
8. **Procurement.** Procurement procedures must be in conformance with 2 CFR 200.318-320.
9. **Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance.** The Recipient and Subrecipient must submit quarterly progress reports, as referenced in the 2 CFR 200.328 and State HMGP Administrative Plan.
10. **Records Retention.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.333, financial/ programmatic records related to expenditures must be maintained at least 3 years after the date of Recipient's final expenditure report.
11. **Enforcement and Termination.** If the Recipient or Subrecipient fails to comply with the award or subaward terms, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, the State HMGP Administrative Plan, subapplication, a notice of award, an assurance, or elsewhere, FEMA may take one or more of the actions outlined in 2 CFR 200.338, including termination or partial termination of the award or subaward outlined in 2 CFR 200.339.
12. **Allowable Costs.** Funds are to be used for allowable costs in compliance with 2 CFR 200.403, the approved SOW, and any agreements among the Subrecipient, Recipient, and FEMA.

13. **Non-Federal Audit.** The Recipient and Subrecipient are responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, in compliance with 2 CFR 200.501.
14. **Debarred and Suspended Parties.** Recipients and Subrecipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, and 2 CFR 180. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in the federal assistance programs or activities.
15. **Equipment Rates.** Rates claimed for use of Subrecipient-owned equipment in excess of the FEMA-approved rates must be approved under State guidelines issued by the State Comptroller's Office or must be certified by the Recipient to include only those costs attributable to equipment usage less any fixed overhead and/or profit.
16. **Duplication of Funding between Public Assistance (PA) and HMGP.** Funding for PA Section 406 and HMGP Section 404 are permitted on the same facility/location, but the activities identified under each program must be distinct with separately accounted funds. At closeout, FEMA may adjust the funding to ensure the Subrecipient was reimbursed for eligible work from only one funding source.
17. **Historic Properties and Cultural Resources.** In compliance with 2 CFR 800, if a potential historic property or cultural resource is discovered during construction, the Subrecipient must cease work in the area and take all reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the discovered property/resource. During construction, the Subrecipient will monitor ground disturbance activity, and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, will immediately cease work in that area, and notify the Recipient and FEMA. Construction in the area may resume with FEMA's written approval after FEMA's consultation, if applicable, with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).
18. **NEPA and Changes to the Scope of Work (SOW).** To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other Laws and Executive Orders, any change to the approved SOW shall be re-evaluated before implementation. Construction associated with a SOW change, prior to FEMA approval, may be ineligible for funding. Acceptance of federal funding requires environmental permits and clearances in compliance with all appropriate federal, state and local laws, and failure to comply may jeopardize funding.

Within their authority, the Recipient and Subrecipient must use of all practicable means, consistent with other essential policies, to create and maintain productive harmony for people and nature, and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.