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WOOD CUTTING AGREEMENT
IN MODOC COUNTY.

In furtherance of the Commission's Timber Management Program, Staff has prepared a selective harvest of juniper fuel wood on State school land in portions of Section 16, T41N R12E, N W, six miles south of Alturas, in Modoc county.

A local fuel wood operator has agreed to purchase 100 cords of material at a stumpage rate of five dollars per cord. This is the current price being charged for fuel wood on adjacent Bureau of Land Management land and U. S. Forest Service lands in the vicinity.

AB 884: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15025), the staff has prepared a Proposed Negative Declaration identified as EIR ND 356a, State Clearinghouse No. 84040202. Such Proposed Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Based upon the Initial Study, the Proposed Negative Declaration, and the changes made in the project based on comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15074(b))

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2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Legal Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. Negative Declaration 366a.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6370, ET SEQ.
2. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, EIR NO 366a, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 84040202, WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS REVISED AND APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO A WOOD CUTTING AGREEMENT WHICH INCORPORATES THE MITIGATION SPECIFIED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, WITH DAN HINES FOR THE SALE OF 100 CORDS OF JUNIPER FUEL WOOD IN PORTIONS OF SECTION 16, T41N R12E, MDM, MODOC COUNTY, UPON PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE TOTAL PRICE OF \$500.

EXHIBIT "A"
LAND DESCRIPTION

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A parcel of California State school lands in Modoc County, California,
described as follows:

Section 16, T41N, R12E, WDM.

END OF DESCRIPTION.

PREPARED JUNE 13, 1984 BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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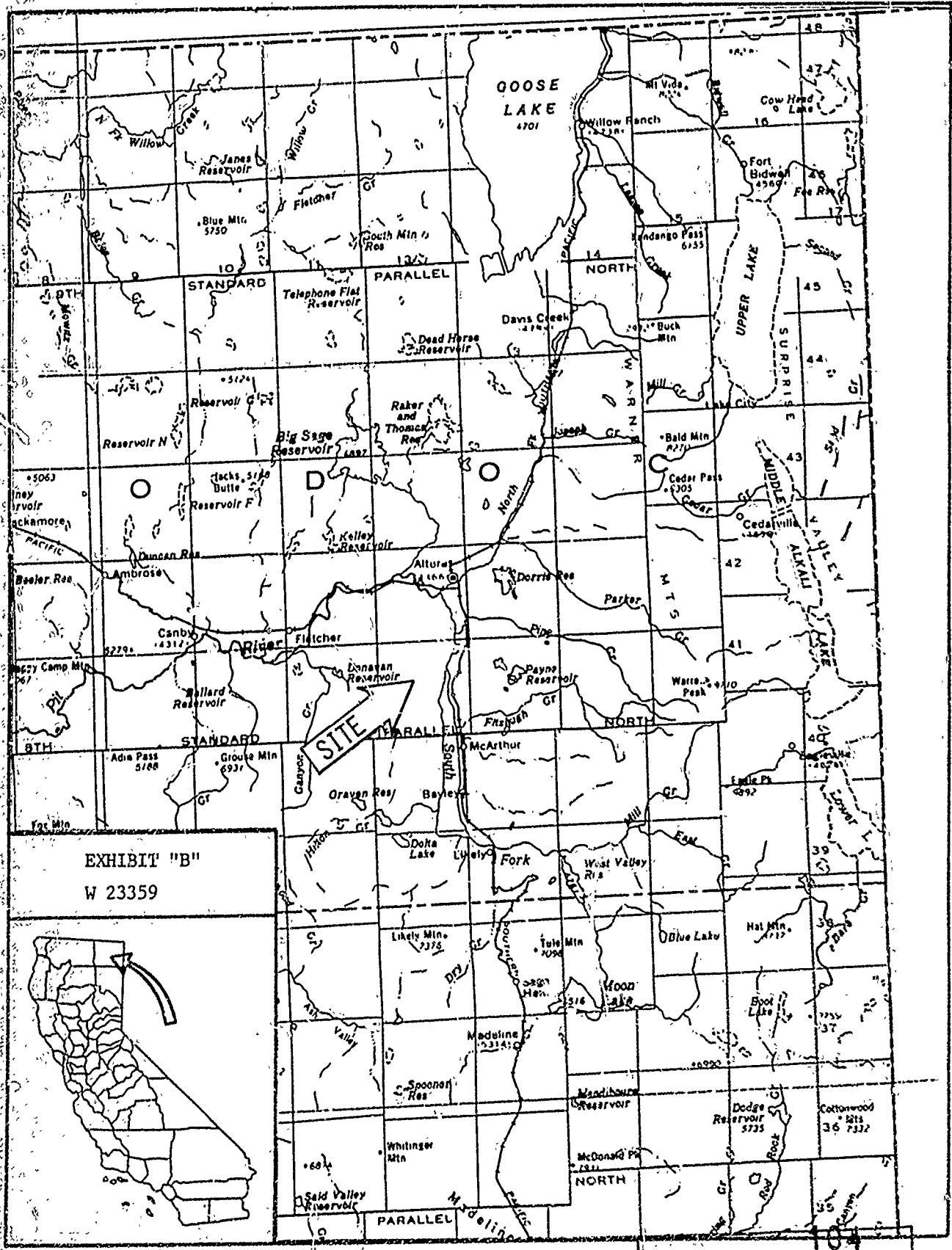


EXHIBIT "B"
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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EIR ND 366a

File Ref.: W 23359

SCM#: 84040202

Project Title: Alturas Juniper Harvest
Project Proponent: Dan Hines
Project Location: Section 16, T41N, R12E, MDM, approximately 6 miles south of Alturas, Modoc County
Project Description: Small three-man, chain saw operation to fell, buck, and split approximately 100 cords of Juniper for firewood.

Contact Person: Ted T. Fukushima Telephone: 916/322-7813
1807 - 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Administrative Code), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 01 et seq., Title 2, California Administrative Code).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
MITIGATION MEASURES

The Department of Fish and Game, Region 1, responded to the enclosed Initial Study, suggesting that:

- 1) The Juniper stand objective for this site be managed on a 60-40 cover-forage ratio, maintaining an age class diversity. This would entail selectively cutting some small, medium and large Junipers and retaining others of the same size class.
- 2) No more than one cord be cut per acre.
- 3) The limbs and tops be stacked in donut-shaped, four-foot high piles with the center 30 feet across. Those piles will enhance quail habitat.

The project applicant has agreed to these mitigation measures and will implement them during the harvesting operation.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM -- Part I
(To be completed by applicant)
FORM 69.3(11/82)

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name, address, and telephone number:

a. Applicant

Dan Hines
Box 1709
Alturas, CA 96101
() N/A

b. Contact person if other than applicant:

N/A

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2. a. Project location: (Please reference to nearest town or community and include county)

Section 16, T41N, R12E, MDM, approximately 6 miles south of
Alturas, Modoc County

b. Assessor's parcel number: 022-290-5

3. Existing zoning of project site: Open space, forestry and grazing

4. Existing land use of project site: Open space, timber stand.

5. Proposed use of site: Timber harvest; continued growth area

6. Other permits required: N/A

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. For building construction projects, complete "ATTACHMENT A".

2. For non-building construction projects: Describe fully, the proposed activity, its purpose and intended use, e.g. for proposed mineral prospecting permits, include the number of test holes, size of holes, amount of material to be excavated, maximum surface area of disturbance, hole locations, depth of holes, etc. Attach plans or other drawings as necessary.

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C. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

1. Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures.
 See Initial Study.

2. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one-family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, set-back, rear yard, etc.).
 See Initial Study.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Answer the following questions by placing a check in the appropriate box. Discuss all items checked "yes" or "maybe". (Attach additional sheets as necessary).

	YES	MAYBE	NO
Will the project involve:			
1. a change in existing features of any bays, tidelands, beaches, lakes, or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. a change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential area or public lands or roads?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. a change in pattern, scale, or character of the general area of project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. a significant effect on plant or animal life?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. significant amounts of solid waste or litter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. a change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. a change in ocean, bay, lake, stream, or ground water quality or quantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. a change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. construction on filled land or on slope of 10 percent or more?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic or radioactive substances, flammables, or explosives?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. a change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12. an increase in fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. a larger project or a series of projects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

E. CERTIFICATION

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.

Date: June 26, 1984

Signed: *Dan Hines*
 for Dan Hines

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST - PART II

Form 13.20, 1/782

File Ref: W. 23359

SCH No.: 14040202

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. Applicant: Dan Hines
Box 1709
Alturas, California 96101
- B. Checklist Date: 4 / 24 / 84
- C. Contact Person: Dan Cohen
Telephone: (916) 322-7805
- D. Purpose: Sale of 100 cords of Juniper firewood
- E. Location: Section 16, T41N, R12E, MDM, approximately 6 miles south of Alturas, Modoc County
- F. Description: This is a small, three-man operation using chain saws to fell, buck and split the Juniper into firewood. It takes about 7 to 8 Juniper trees to make a cord of wood, and about 2 to 3 cords of wood.
- G. Persons Contacted: will be harvested per acre. After an area has been harvested, the refuse (limbs) are stacked. The operator will only be removing the larger Juniper trees, leaving the smaller ones as a future crop. Historically, grass and sagebrush stocked the area, but this area has been over-grazed and repeatedly burned. The result is the growing site declined and the Juniper was allowed to encroach and take over the site about 70 years ago.

II ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers)

A. Earth. Will the proposal result in:

- | | Yes | Maybe | No |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcovering of the soil? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Change in topography or ground surface relief features? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The destruction, covering, or modification of any unique geologic or physical features? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet, or lake? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Exposure of all people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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Yes Maybe No

B. Air. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality?
- 2. The creation of objectionable odors?
- 3. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?

C. Water. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Changes in the currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters?
- 2. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?
- 3. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?
- 4. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?
- 5. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?
- 6. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?
- 7. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?
- 8. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?
- 9. Exposure of people or property to water-related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?
- 10. Significant changes in the temperature, flow or chemical content of surface thermal springs?

D. Plant Life. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?
- 2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?
- 3. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?
- 4. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?

E. Animal Life. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, or insects)?
- 2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?
- 3. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?
- 4. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?

F. Noise. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Increase in existing noise levels?
- 2. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?

G. Light and Glare. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. The production of new light or glare?

H. Land Use. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. A substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?

I. Natural Resources. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?
- 2. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable resources?

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J. Risk of Upset. Does the proposal result in:

Yes Maybe No

- 1. 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?
- 2. Possible interference with emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan?

K. Population. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. The alteration, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of the area?

L. Housing. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Affecting existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?

M. Transportation/Circulation. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?
- 2. Affecting existing parking facilities, or create a demand for new parking?
- 3. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?
- 4. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?
- 5. Alterations to waterborne, rail, or air traffic?
- 6. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians?

N. Public Services. Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:

- 1. Fire protection?
- 2. Police protection?
- 3. Schools?
- 4. Parks and other recreational facilities?
- 5. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?
- 6. Other governmental services?

O. Energy. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?
- 2. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources?

P. Utilities. Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:

- 1. Power or natural gas?
- 2. Communication systems?
- 3. Water?
- 4. Sewer or septic tanks?
- 5. Storm water drainage?
- 6. Solid waste and disposal?

Q. Human Health. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?
- 2. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?

R. Aesthetics. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. The obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?

S. Recreation. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. An impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?

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Yes: Maybe No

IX Cultural Resources.

- 1. Will the proposal result in the alteration of or the destruction of a prehistoric or historic archeological site?
- 2. Will the proposal result in adverse physical or aesthetic effects to a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object?
- 3. Does the proposal have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnic cultural values?
- 4. Will the proposal restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?

U. Mandatory Findings of Significance.

- 1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife 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 history or prehistory?
- 2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?
- 3. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
- 4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (See Comments Attached)

A.2. There will be minimum compaction from the 1 1/2 ton truck used to haul the Juniper and some soil will be displaced during the felling and bucking operations. These impacts will be minimal in nature.

D.1. The numbers of Junipers will decrease. Historically, the area was grass and sage, but with over-grazing and fire, the site was reduced and Juniper invaded about 70 years ago and is depleting the available water supply.

F.1. There will be a temporary increase in noise level during fire-wood gathering operations. This area is used for both grazing and firewood by the BLM; therefore, there are a few people in the area.

G.1. The removal of a Juniper tree will reduce the shade of that individual tree, but would allow grass and bitterbrush to fill the area occupied by the tree. Growth of grasses, brush and shrubs will be stimulated by increased light.

I.1. Juniper will be removed for firewood where it wasn't before; however, Juniper is a renewable resource and can reproduce itself.

IV. PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation: **DETERMINATION TO BE MADE UPON INITIAL STUDY REVIEW.**

- I find the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.

Date: 4 / 26 / 84

For the State of CALIFORNIA
 DAN COHEN, Environmental Specialist
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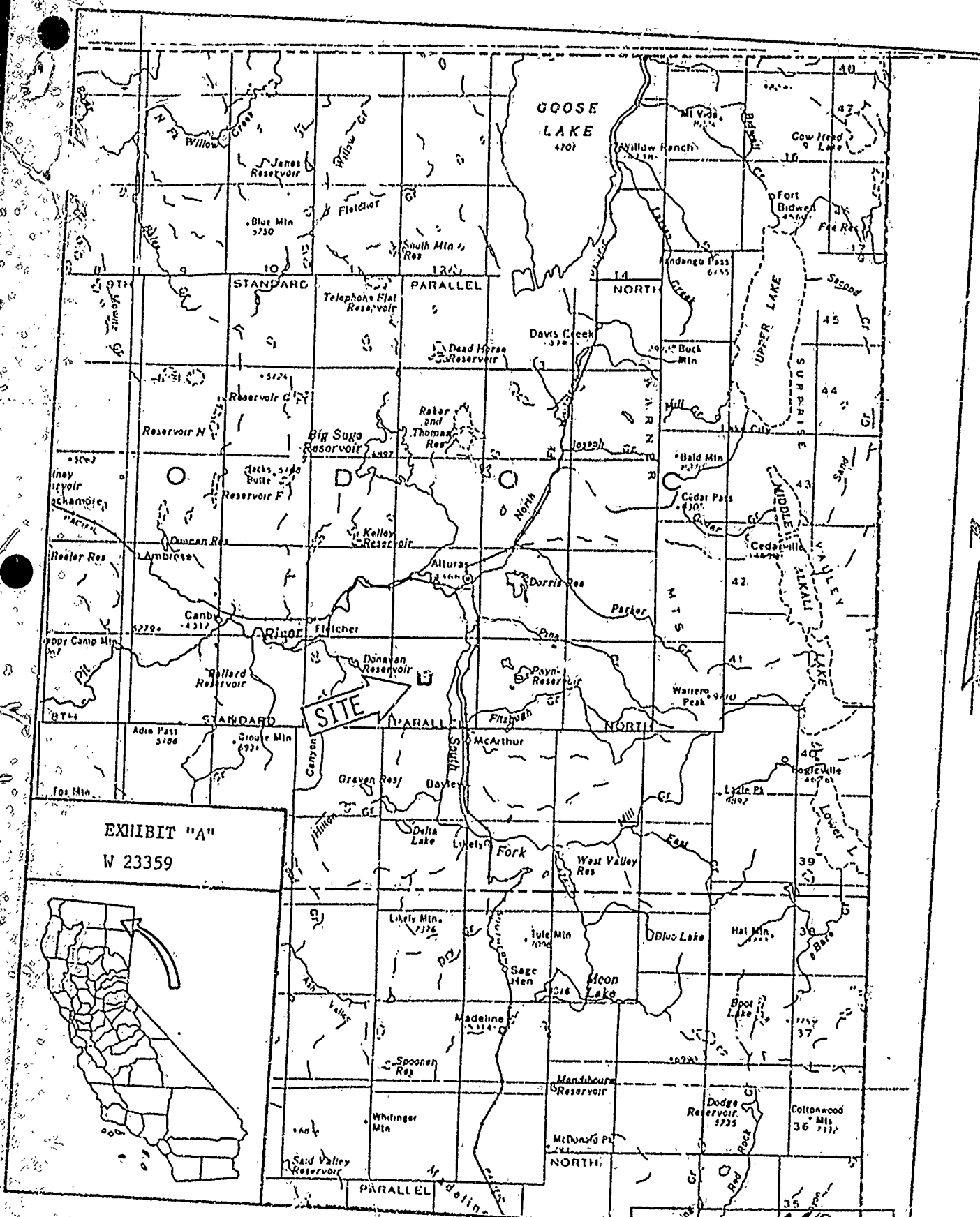


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