

Notice of Determination

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From:

Public Agency: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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Auburn, CA 95603

Contact: Shannon Clotti
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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Redding, CA 96002
Contact: John Ramaley, RPF #2504
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): N/A

Project Title: Serene Lakes Royal Gorge Headwaters Forest Health Improvements (SNC #1075)

Project Applicant: Truckee Donner Land Trust

Project Location (include county): The project is located on 175 acres in eastern Placer County, approximately 1.25 miles south of Soda Springs in Section 35 T17N R14E of the Soda Springs U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Quadrangle and in Section 3 T16N R14E of the Royal Gorge USGS 7.5' Quadrangle.

Project Description:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide the Truckee Donner Land Trust with funding for wildfire hazard reduction treatments on 175 acres of red fir stands with a nominal Sierran mixed conifer component. All work will be performed in compliance with the California Forest Practices Act and an adopted Timber Harvest Plan (THP) prepared for the property (THP No. 2-18-054-PLA, Royal Gorge SNC 2018), which was approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) on December 4, 2018.

The forest fuels reduction will help to minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire and subsequent environmental damage caused by such conditions by reducing ladder fuels, removing diseased trees, and thinning areas of overstock. These treatments would employ cut-to-length timber harvesting methods using a rubber-tired processor and forwarder and a rubber-tired chipper in strategic areas with especially high fuel loadings. Implementation of the THP will be completed by a Licensed Timber Operator under the direction of a Registered Professional Forester. CAL FIRE will monitor compliance with the terms of the Timber Harvest Plan.

This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on March 7, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the
above (date)
described project.

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1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Timber Harvesting Plan (Plan No. 2-18-054-PLA, Royal Gorge SNC 2018) was adopted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Chapter 8, commencing with section 4511 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code. The Timber Harvest Plan meets the requirements of a Substitute Document pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15252. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is using the substitute document in its approval of the project as a Responsible Agency, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15253 (a) and (b).
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Timber Harvesting Plan with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at:

ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/Cascade_Region/THPs/THPs2018/2-18-054PLA/

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: A.F.O.

Date: 3/14/2019 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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