

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of

(Address)

Project Title: Completion of LiDAR on Eldorado National Forest (SNC #CCI006)

Project Location - Specific:

Reserach within the Eldorado National Forest

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide CCI funding in the amount of \$250,000 to the Eldorado National Forest. Currently, 45% of the TCSI landscape is covered by LiDAR acquisitions that occurred over the last 5 years with large areas on the Eldorado not having any LiDAR coverage making it difficult to match information from multiple datasets. A combination of existing plot data with additional field data collection will allow a determination of the accuracy of the LiDAR-based estimation and will provide robust outputs. These outputs will provide estimates of carbon and biomass status and trend which will further decrease carbon stock uncertainties and allow carbon storage projects to be accurately identified.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Eldorado National Forest

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not involve physical alterations to the environment and will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Andrea Williams Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4682

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Date: 3/14/19 Title: A.E.D.

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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