

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) **Sierra Nevada Conservancy**  
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County Clerk  
County of: Plumas  
520 Main Street #102  
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Project Title: Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project (SNC1287-RT) (SCH 2019090093)

Project Location – Specific: Southeast of Portola, CA, West of Sierra Valley, East of Gold Mountain Resort Community

Project Location - City: City of Portola

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide grant funding to Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship to complete the Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project (Project). The Project involves construction of at least 8.3 miles of non-motorized class 3 trail beginning south of Portola, continuing around Beckwourth Peak, and connecting to Portola City Park and Carman Saddle. The trail would be constructed by trail crews using hand tools and would be built to USDA Forest Service standards. Native surface and materials will be used with no foreign materials incorporated into the trail. The trail is intended to provide easy access to National Forest lands for residents of, and visitors to, Portola. Plumas County filed a NOE under Class 4, 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, in September 2019 (SCH 2019090093)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are exempt from CEQA. The minor land alterations proposed by the project consist of trail building by hand crews. The project has been reviewed and would not result in significant adverse effects.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

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**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

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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/3/2022 Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer  
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Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.