

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212 Sacramento,
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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite
205 Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Revenant Fuel Reduction Project SNC931-CCI (SCH:2019098016)

Project Location – Specific: The project is located in the El Dorado National Forest near the unincorporated community of Quintette in El Dorado County

Project Location - City: Quintette

Project Location - County: El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the U.S. Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest to conduct fuel reduction treatments, including thinning, piling, mastication, lop and scatter, and prescribed burning within the Georgetown Ranger District on USFS lands. These treatments are intended to reduce potentially devastating impacts of high-severity wildfire to local infrastructure in the WUI, promote native floral and faunal communities, and improve forest resiliency. The SNC filed a previous NOE on this project (SCH:2019098016, 09/10/2019) but conducted this additional review of the project with the addition of mastication to project activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: U.S. Forest Service, El Dorado National Forest

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The project activities have been reviewed in their entirety by the U.S. Forest Service pursuant to NEPA in the Quintette Fuel Reduction Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact in 2007. In July 2019, the USFS prepared a Supplemental Information Report to evaluate changed conditions since the completion of the EA, consistent with the Forest Service Handbook, which determined that the analysis and decision in the EA remains sufficient and valid.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens

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If filed by applicant: N/A

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: 11/29/2022 _____

Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer _____

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.