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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Sierra County Planning Dept.
P.O. Box 530
Downieville, CA 95936

County Clerk
County of: Sierra

(Address)

Project Title: Smithneck WUI Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: County of Sierra (Sierra Nevada Conservancy, granting agency)

Project Location - Specific:

SW of uninc. community of Sierra Brooks, near Loyalton, CA. T.21N., R.16E., Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32

Project Location - City: uninc.-near Sierra Brooks Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
SNC Grant for joint/inter-agency fuels reduction project adjacent to the Community of Sierra Brooks.
Treatment of approx. 723 acres within USFS-Tahoe National Forest and DFW-Smithneck Creek Wildlife
Management Area; to improve forest health, increase forest resiliency, and reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Sierra (in cooperation with USFS, DFW, RCD)

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));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Public Resource Code Section 4799.05(d)(1).

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to
reduce the risk of highseverity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA if the primary role of a state or
local agency is providing funding, which is the case with this project. USFS adopted CE under NEPA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Tim Beals or Brandon Pangman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-289-3201

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: [Signature] Date: 10/10/2019 Title: Dep. Dir. of Planning

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21089 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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