

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of Plumas
520 Main St, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971

(Address)

Project Title: UC Forestry Camp Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Demonstration Project (SNC 1228)

Project Location - Specific:

The approximately 2,500-acre project area is located in forested areas along the southern edge of Meadow Valley, CA, and approximately 8 miles west of Quincy, CA. The project is located on the Plumas National Forest and the University of California Lands.

Project Location - City: Meadow Valley Project Location - County: Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$99,952 to The Regents of the University of California to complete pre-implementation resource surveys and CEQA compliance, support collaboration with stakeholders and partners, and support collaboration with the Plumas National Forest on NEPA preparation. This planning and environmental compliance would support future implementation of the UC Forestry Camp Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Demonstration Project, with the goal of demonstrating a range of ecological restoration and climate resilient forest management approaches that could be replicated across other WUI and sensitive species areas within National Forests, private lands, and other seasonal outdoor education and recreation camps.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California

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: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning project involving the preparation of environmental analysis documents; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include resource surveys, coordination, and preparation of a CEQA document that evaluates future possible actions. However, those actions have not been approved, and the completion of this environmental document will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jamie Sammut Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4688

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3/6/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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

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