

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk  
County of: Modoc  
108 E Modoc St  
Alturas, CA 96101

Project Title: Fandango Planning Project to Restore 20,000 Acres in Modoc National Forest

Project Location – Specific:

Located on the upper northeast side of the Warner Mountains Ranger District, on Modoc National Forest land.

Project Location - City: Approximately four miles west of Fort Bidwell

Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide \$120,000 in funding for surveys and analysis necessary for NEPA, CEQA, and forest watershed design plan requirements in preparation for fuel and hazard reduction and forest restoration for approximately 22,000 acres on Modoc National Forest. This forest health planning project would prepare for the potential implementation of restoration and fuel reduction activities on land within the Modoc National Forest, returning it closer to a fire-adapted landscape.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Deer Association (CDA)

Exempt Status: **(check one)**

- No Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- No Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- No Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- No Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Yes** Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

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


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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 3/4/2021  
Signature: 7BE7439E69B3413 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: 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.