

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

Project Title: Boy Scouts of America Camp Hi-Sierra Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (SNC1277)

Project Location – Specific: 29211 Hwy 108, Long Barn, CA 95335

Project Location - City: Long Barn

Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves developing a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) that will allow the Boy Scouts of America to manage and protect their 100-acre property in the Hwy 108 corridor near Long Barn, CA. Development of the NTMP will include inventory of all roads and crossings; development of accurate GIS maps depicting project boundaries, roads, landings, crossings, sediment discharge points, silviculture boundaries, watercourses, erosion hazard ratings, drafting sites, operational reference points, yarding methods, watershed and other cumulative impact assessment areas and past projects; cruising of all stands; scoping and analysis of protected wildlife species known or likely to occur in the project area; development of a botanical scoping list; survey for protected wildlife species discovered during the scoping phase; and archaeological survey, preparation of a confidential archaeological addendum, recording of discovered sites, and flagging protection buffers around sites of potential significance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Boy Scouts of America, Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies, of the CEQA Guidelines. This project involves only the planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded. The planning project does not require the preparation of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Improvement Report but does require consideration of environmental factors. The project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306, Information Collection (Class 6), because it consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

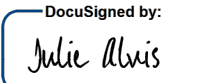
Lead Agency

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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

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 Signature: _____ Date: 6/3/2021 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.