

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

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

Project Title: Thompson Peak Initiative Bootsole Forest & Watershed Restoration Project - SNC 1305

Project Location – Specific:
One treatment location centered at approximately 40°13'03.70"N and 120°32'52.86"W

Project Location - City: Janesville and Milford, CA Project Location - County: Plumas and Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for hazardous fuels reduction treatments on the 4,233-acre project located on federal lands within the Plumas National Forest. Treatments would include ground-based mechanical thinning, hand thinning, hand piling, grapple piling, mastication, and prescribed burning of select conifers. The treatment goals are to reduce hazardous fuels and reduce risk to communities and the landscape from large and severe wildfires. Treatments would result in reduced stand density and would shift the species composition to a greater percentage of drought-tolerant, fire-resistant pine resulting in a landscape more resilient to wildfire, drought, and future climate conditions.

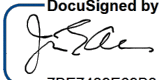
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc.

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 Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for fuel reduction treatments on the 4,233- acre project located on federal lands within the Plumas National Forest. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA in the Bootsole Decision Memo signed in April 2021.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 906-7345

- 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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Signature: _____ Date: 7/15/2021 Title: 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.