

# 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: Butte  
155 Nelson Avenue  
Oroville, CA 95965-3411

Project Title: Concow Resilience Project: Implementation - SNC 1312

Project Location – Specific:  
Nineteen treatments locations centered at approximately 39°48'19.15"N and 121°28'35.37"W

Project Location - City: Concow, CA Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for fuel reduction treatments, brush removal and thinning, and associated low-density oak-pine planting on at least 784 acres of federal land within the Lassen National Forest (managed by the Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District). The treatment areas burned in the 2018 Camp Fire, and future projections indicate that these burned areas will convert to brushland and will likely burn again at a very high severity within the next ten years. To reduce the risk of high severity wildfire, the treatments proposed for the Concow Resilience Project would actively manage the project area to open, oak-dominant woodlands that are drought- and fire-resilient.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

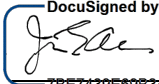
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Butte County Resource Conservation District

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 the 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 fuels reduction treatments, brush removal and thinning, and associated low-density pine planting on at least 784 acres of federal land within the Lassen National Forest (managed by the Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District). The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA in the Concow Resilience Project Decision Memorandum signed in September 2020.

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

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.