

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: Placer
2954 Richardson Drive
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project - SNC 1322

Project Location – Specific:
Multiple treatment locations centered at approximately 39°03'53.73"N and 120°44'52.67"W

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Michigan Bluff Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for fuel reduction and thinning treatments, including hand thinning, mastication, and lop and scatter treatments, on at least 1,266 acres of federal land within the Tahoe National Forest. The treatment areas contain stands of beetle-killed trees intermixed with live trees that are highly susceptible to further beetle infestations and pose a severe fire hazard to the community of Michigan Bluff. The primary goals of the fuel reduction treatments are to reduce fuel loads around communities, improve forest health and resilience, and provide safer ingress and egress on existing roads for the public and emergency personnel in the event of wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

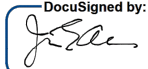
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: National Forest Foundation

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 on at least 1,266 acres of federal land within the Tahoe National Forest. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA in the Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project Decision Memo signed in October 2019 by the U.S. Forest Service.

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: 7BF7439E69B3413... 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.