

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: El Dorado
360 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Project Title: Twofer Pillikin Fuels Reduction Project - SNC 1325

Project Location – Specific:
Ten treatment areas centered at approximately 38°44'41.18"N and 120°21'24.74"W

Project Location - City: Unincorporated communities of White Hall, Kyburz, and Strawberry

Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for fuel reduction and thinning treatments on at least 1,300 acres of federal land within the Eldorado National Forest. The treatment area is classified as a Tier 2 High Fire-Threat District, a designation for extreme risk of destructive utility-associated wildfires, due to the presence of dense mixed conifer forest that proliferated after the Pilliken Fire (1973) and Cleveland Fire (1992). These fuel reduction treatments seek to establish and link fuel breaks on ridges, roads, and infrastructure across the Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts of the Eldorado National Forest.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

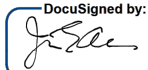
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Great Basin Institute

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 1,300 acres of federal land within the Eldorado National Forest. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA in the Twofer Fuels Reduction Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Decision Notice and FONSI for the project was signed by the U.S. Forest Service on October 23, 2019.

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.