

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
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County of: Tulare  
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Project Title: Grant Grove Big Stump Ecological Restoration Project, Phase Two (SNC #1282) SCH No. 2021120239

Project Location – Specific:

Four treatment areas centered at approximately 36°43'9.18"N and 118°57'35.55"W; 36°43'14.95"N and 118°55'49.85"W; 36°43'45.84"N and 118°56'49.47"W; and 36°45'7.16"N and 118°56'25.51"W.

Project Location - City: Wilsonia, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare, Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for hazardous fuels reduction treatments on approximately 45 acres of National Park land within Sequoia National Park, 60 miles east of Fresno. The goal of the project is to implement fuel reduction treatments to protect special-status species including giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) groves, enhance forest habitat resiliency, improve visitor and employee safety, and protect cultural resource values. The fuel reduction treatments would involve site preparation and thinning/clearing followed by broadcast burn treatments implemented by National Parks and U.S. Forest Service fire crews.

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 fuel reduction treatments on approximately 45 acres of National Park land. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under NEPA as documented in the September 2020 Letter of Compliance Completion for the Big Stump Mechanical Treatment Project (PEPC 73035).

Lead Agency

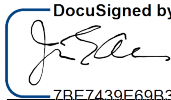
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If filed by applicant: NA

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:

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Date:

8/3/2022

Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Title:

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.