

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: West End Royal Gorge Forest Health and Fire Resilience – SNC 1397

Project Location – Specific: 39°18'31.69"N 120°23'58.09"W

Project Location - City: Soda Springs, CA

Project Location - County: Placer and Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide funding to Truckee Donner Land Trust to develop a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) to continue past efforts in the vicinity of the Royal Gorge area related to water quality improvement and wildfire fuels reduction through forest habitat restoration. Preparation of the THP involves field surveys, data collection, and planning activities that will not have a physical effect on the environment. The extent of this THP would be approximately 305 acres, some of which is directly in the Wildland Urban Interface of the roughly 600-lot Serene Lakes neighborhood. The THP will seek to minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire and subsequent environmental damage caused by such conditions by reducing ladder fuels, removing diseased trees, and removing areas of overstocked trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Truckee Donner Land Trust

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies of the CEQA Guidelines. This project involves only the planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded. The planning project will not result in physical effects on the environment. The project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306, Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

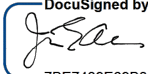
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

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If filed by applicant: N/A

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: 6/3/2022 Title: Chief 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.