

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk  
County of: Madera  
2037 Cleveland Ave  
Madera, CA 93637

Project Title: Graham Landscape Planning Project – SNC1289

Project Location – Specific: Adjacent to and northeast of Bass Lake, Madera County

Project Location - City: Northeast of Bass Lake, The Pines, Bass Lake Annex      Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding to support the project design, information collection, and third-party National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis on 18,100 acres of forest in the Bass Lake Ranger District on the Sierra National Forest. Activities include surveys and analysis necessary to complete NEPA documents towards potential future fuel reduction and forest health restoration activities to reduce vulnerability to extreme wildfire and climate-related disturbances. American Forests and the Sierra National Forest will partner with the native tribes, the Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council, and Madera County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American Forests

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemptions: 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 project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306, Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, 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.

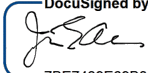
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

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**If filed by applicant:**

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.