

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

Project Title: Dispersed Camping Collaborative Action – SNC 1290-RT

Project Location – Specific: Eastern Sierra region

Project Location - City: Multiple across region

Project Location - County: Mono, Inyo, and Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will be targeted to areas of high use and visitation identified by the Dispersed Camping Collaborative surrounding local communities and developed recreation hubs and will consist of investments in infrastructure, restoration, and education to delineate dispersed camping areas, install educational and regulatory signage and kiosks, improve waste management solutions for the region, restore areas impacted by legal and illegal dispersed camping, and maintain digital and traditional messaging products developed for the region.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mono County

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The project would result in minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation associated with volunteer trash removal and site improvement activities, and implementation of minor infrastructure ancillary to backcountry camping activities, such as placement of signage on trails and at campsites and temporary trash disposal bins and port-a-potties at various locations where recreational activity already occurs. None of the project sites are known to contain sensitive resources that could be affected by project activities. The project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and would not result in significant adverse impacts or any exceptions to the exemption.

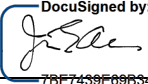
Lead Agency

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.