

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California, Berkeley  
Physical & Environmental Planning  
300 A&E Building  
Berkeley, California 94720-1382

**Project Title: Sagehen Creek Field Station – Prop. 68 Renovation Project**

**Project Location** – Sagehen Creek Field Station, outside Truckee, CA

**Project Location** – Truckee, CA

**Project Location** – County: Nevada County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** Sagehen Creek Field Station, managed by the University of California, Berkeley, is located within the 9,000-acre Sagehen Experimental Forest 20 miles north of Truckee. The Field Station contains 22 buildings, some which are in need of repair and upgrades to provide year-round service to researchers, as well as to meet current standards of public health and safety. While the facilities to be renovated are modern, they have been deemed to be well beyond their functional life-cycle and do not currently contribute to a safe and accessible educational environment. The project includes six discreet renovation tasks described in Attachment A. A location map of the Field Station is included as Attachment B.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California

**Parties Undertaking Project:** University of California

**Exempt Status:**

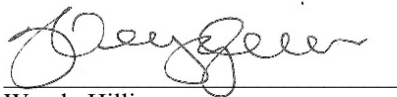
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) (c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities. The project is exempt under Class 1, as it consists of the repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing deteriorated and damaged public structures, facilities and mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. There are not unusual circumstances creating the possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to CEQA Section 15300.2.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Raphael Breines, Senior Planner, Physical and Environmental Planning  
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**Signature:**



**Title:**

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Campus Architect, Assistant Vice Chancellor

**Date:**

May 20, 2022

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

**Sagehen Creek Field Station, University of California, Berkeley  
Prop 68 Proposal Renovation Project Tasks**

Task 1: Re-roof the Manager's Residence

Task 2: Lead and asbestos abatement

The Station Office (432 square feet) and Manager's Residence are currently in an unsafe condition because of the presence of crumbling asbestos tile flooring and peeling lead paint. This task includes asbestos and lead abatement and the installation of new flooring and new paint in these two facilities to provide a safe space for the Sagehen Creek Field Station's Manager and Steward to work. UC Berkeley will be required to adhere to existing rules and regulations pertaining to handling and removal of potentially hazardous substances.

Task 3: Restoration of the Station's Office

The Station's Office is currently an unusable space due to the presence of crumbling asbestos tiles and peeling lead paint. Upon completion of Task 2, this task involves renovating the interior of the Office and will also include modifying the space to create new small dry lab and an accessible bathroom. UC Berkeley will be required to adhere to existing rules and regulations pertaining to handling and removal of potentially hazardous substances.

Task 4: Re-siding and re-insulating the Johnson Cabin

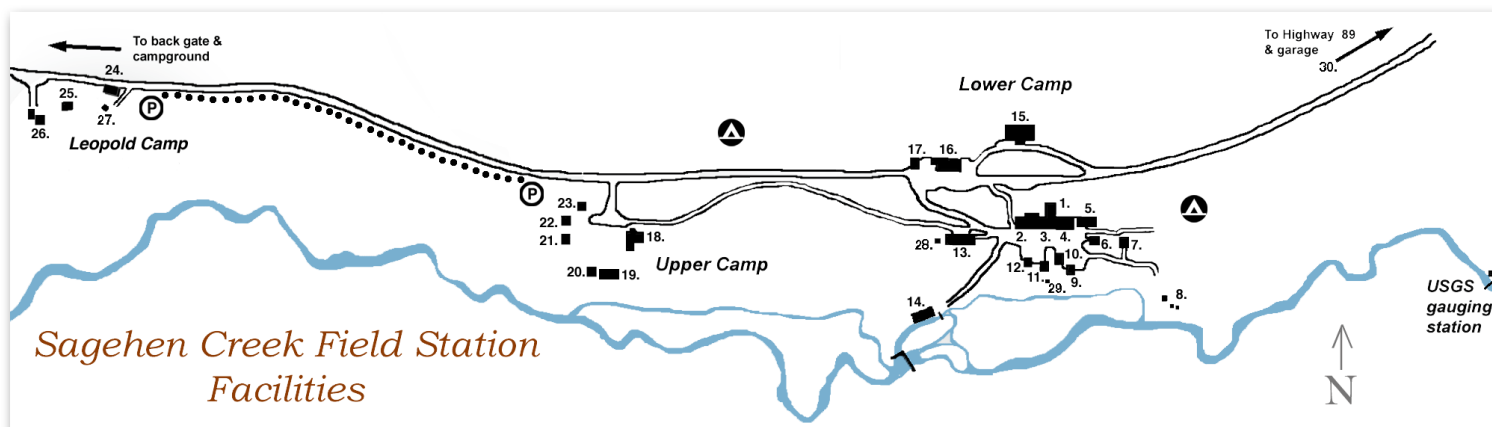
The Johnson Cabin is currently the residence of the lead Steward at Sagehen Creek Field Station. Portions of the exterior siding are now missing and this task will replace the siding to allow for year-round occupancy.

Task 5: Restoration of the Botany Lab

This task will include insulation and repair of interior walls of the Botany Lab to convert this space into a usable and accessible area year-round for researchers and educators.

Task 6: Heating Renovation

The Manager's Residence and the Library currently both have wood stoves, but are in close proximity to Tower 1, a 100-foot tower that gathers data on temperature, humidity, wind, and atmospheric gasses. Therefore, the wood stoves have not been used in years, and the Library in particular is not used during winter months. The task will replace both wood stoves with propane inserts, allowing both areas to be usable during winter months.



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| 1. Library                            | 16. Garages/Apartment (CAAN: 9241)   |
| 2. Living Room                        | 17. Fuel Depot (CAAN: 9242)          |
| 3. Kitchen/Dining Room (CAAN: 9244)   | 18. Johnson Cabin (CAAN: 9243)       |
| 4. Office                             | 19. Outdoor Meeting Area             |
| 5. Ano/Nuevo Cabins (CAAN: 9255)      | 20. Burnside Cabin (CAAN: 9253)      |
| 6. East Cabin (CAAN: 9256)            | 21. South Cabin (CAAN: 9259)         |
| 7. Meadow Cabin (CAAN: 9248)          | 22. North Cabin (CAAN: 9258)         |
| 8. East Meadow sensing array          | 23. Upper Bathhouse (CAAN: 9262)     |
| 9. Lower Bathhouse (CAAN: 9247)       | 24. Starker/Luna Cabins (CAAN: 9249) |
| 10. West Cabin (CAAN: 9257)           | 25. Cook Platform (CAAN: 9246)       |
| 11. Treehouse Cabin (CAAN: 9252)      | 26. Leopold Cabin (CAAN: 9260)       |
| 12. Tool Shed (CAAN: 9254)            | 27. Leopold Outhouse (CAAN: 9249)    |
| 13. Classroom/Botany Lab (CAAN: 9245) | 28. Storage Shed (CAAN: 9261)        |
| 14. Fishhouse (CAAN: 9261)            | 29. Trap Shed (CAAN: 9255)           |
| 15. Manager's Residence (CAAN: 9250)  | 30. Highway Garage (CAAN: 9263)      |

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