

## 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: South Siskiyou Sustainable Recreation and Trails Partnership SNC1414-RT

Project Location – Specific: Region encompassing south Siskiyou County and northwest Shasta County.

Project Location - City: Regional, including cities of Weed, Mt. Shasta, McCloud, and Dunsmuir

Project Location - County: Siskiyou and Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance (SORA) to collaboratively plan for sustainable recreation in the region encompassing south Siskiyou County and northwest Shasta County to meet the existing and growing recreational needs of the region. The project will establish a collaborative planning process that engages land management agencies, private landowners, outdoor recreation and economic development organizations, local businesses, tribes, community members, and governments. The project will collaboratively envision and create a plan to connect the communities of Mt. Shasta, Dunsmuir, McCloud, and Weed by multi-use trails to build equitable, resilient, sustainable, and vibrant outdoor recreation economies. Specific activities include public engagement through surveys, community town hall meetings, quarterly collaborative meetings, existing conditions data collection and analysis, and the creation of a sustainable recreation committee. A project prioritization matrix will be developed to identify recommendations for development of trails and recreation infrastructure, an economic impact study report and master plan will be created, and CEQA analysis will be completed on a priority trail project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Categorical Exemption: Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies as the project only involves planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded; there is no legally

binding effect on later activities. The project is also categorically exempt under Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes and are part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. This project does not fall within any exceptions to the categorical exemption.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens

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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 \_\_\_

Signature:  Date: 12/12/2022 Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer

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.