

## 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: Bizz Johnson Trailhead Planning SNC1463-RT

Project Location – Specific: 601 Richmond Road, Susanville, CA 96130..

Project Location - City: Susanville

Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Lassen Land and Trails Trust (LLTT) for the Bizz Johnson Trailhead Planning project. Working in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office, the LLTT will complete designs, CEQA and NEPA environmental compliance analysis, permitting, and pre-construction engineering specifications to improve LLTT and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) properties serving as the primary gateway and visitor welcome center for the Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail. The project will enhance the trailhead and old railroad depot building currently used as a visitor center at the eastern terminus of the Bizz Johnson Trail in the town of Susanville. The project will improve the Depot Visitor Center and BLM trailhead by completing a parking and drainage plan, a building reconstruction and restoration plan, a landscape plan, and CEQA and NEPA analyses to enable future implementation. The project area is approximately 9 acres in size and is located along Richmond Road and North Railroad Avenue (approximately 1 mile from Main Street) in Susanville, Lassen County, CA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lassen Land and Trails Trust

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.

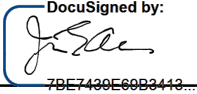
Lead Agency

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.