

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: Conserving the Trinity Headwaters Forest for Watershed and Community Benefit (SNC #1621-LC)

Project Location – Specific: Undeveloped forestland approximately 12 miles directly west of the town of Mt. Shasta, and 12 miles directly east of the town of Callahan, surrounded by Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Center of property at approximately - 122.556, 41.314 degrees.

Project Location - City: 12 mi west of town of Mt. Shasta

Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Pacific Forest Trust, Incorporated, to acquire fee title to approximately 10,600 acres of undeveloped diverse forestland in northeast Trinity County, in the headwaters of the East Fork of the Trinity River. Parts of the Little Trinity River, Picayune Creek, and Sherer Creek watersheds fall within the property, which is interspersed with Shasta-Trinity National Forest lands. The property is currently privately owned, and is managed for commercial timber production. The intent of the acquisition is to protect the landscape as a working forest, managed for biodiverse habitat and ecological resilience.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Forest Trust, Incorporated.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Section 15325 Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15325 Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources, which consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. The intent of this acquisition is to conserve the natural conditions, habitat, and working forests on the property. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has independently reviewed the project and determined that no exception under Section 15300.2 applies.

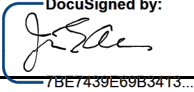
Lead Agency

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: 6/1/2023 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.