

## Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

**To:** Shasta County Clerk  
1450 Court Street, Suite 108  
Redding, CA 96001

**Project Title:** Soldier Mountain WUI Project (SNC 1644)

**Project Location – Specific:** Lassen National Forest, Hat Creek Ranger District. Approximately four miles northeast of Lake Britton and five miles northeast of McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park, northeast of Highway 89. Project center at approximately -121.598, 41.055 degrees.

**Project Location - City:** Three miles west of Glenburn, seven miles west of McArthur.

**Project Location - County:** Shasta

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Fall River Resource Conservation District in partnership with Lassen National Forest to implement project #1644 Soldier Mountain WUI Project. The project is an approximately 2,336-acre hazardous fuel reduction, forest health, and community-protection project on Lassen National Forest in Shasta County. The project would reduce fuel levels, improve forest health, and increase resilience to wildfire, drought, and insect mortality in a priority wildland urban interface (WUI). Activities under the project include, but are not limited to, mastication, machine piling and hand piling, mechanical thinning, and biomass removal.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy

**Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Fall River Resource Conservation District  
Sharmie Stevenson, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 301, Bieber, CA 96009  
530-299-3401

**Exempt Status:**

**Statutory Exemption:** Pub. Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd. (d)(1)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Public Resources Code, section 4799.05 statutorily exempts from CEQA projects for prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel-reduction projects, or to related activities included in the project description, undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed

under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding to the Fall River Resource Conservation District to conduct fuels reduction, community protection, and forest-health treatments on the Lassen National Forest. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA in the Soldier Mountain WUI Project Categorical Exclusion Review and Decision Memo signed June 13, 2022.

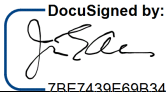
**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Mary Akens

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530-450-5177

**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:**  \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Deputy Executive Officer

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 3/7/2024

**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.