

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: Siskiyou County Clerk – Registrar
311 Fourth Street. Room 201
Yreka, CA 96097

Project Title: South Fork Sacramento Fire Resilience (SNC 1654)

Project Location – Specific: Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Shasta McCloud Management Unit, Siskiyou County. Directly southwest of Lake Siskiyou along W A Bar Road, and along Castle Lake Creek between Lake Siskiyou and Castle Lake. See attached map.

Project Location - City: Three miles southwest of the City of Mt. Shasta.

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the United States Forest Service, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, to implement project #1654 South Fork Sacramento Fire Resilience. The project will improve fire resilience of forested ecosystems, improve public safety by reducing the likelihood of severe wildfire within the wildland urban interface (WUI), improve wildlife habitat, and restore the natural role of fire to the ecosystem. It covers approximately 1,157 acres, and is part of a larger 21,400-acre project area that has been analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Project activities include hand, mechanical, and mastication treatments consistent with the December 2023 South Fork Sacramento Public Safety and Forest Restoration Project Decision Notice.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Rachel Birkey, Forest Supervisor
3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002
530-226-2400

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 SNC would provide funding to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to conduct fuels reduction and forest-health treatments for recreation area protection, habitat protection, and forest resilience on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA in the South Fork Sacramento Public Safety and Forest Restoration Project Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Decision Notice signed on December 21, 2023.

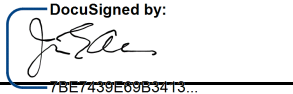
Lead Agency

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:  _____

Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Date: 3/7/2024

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

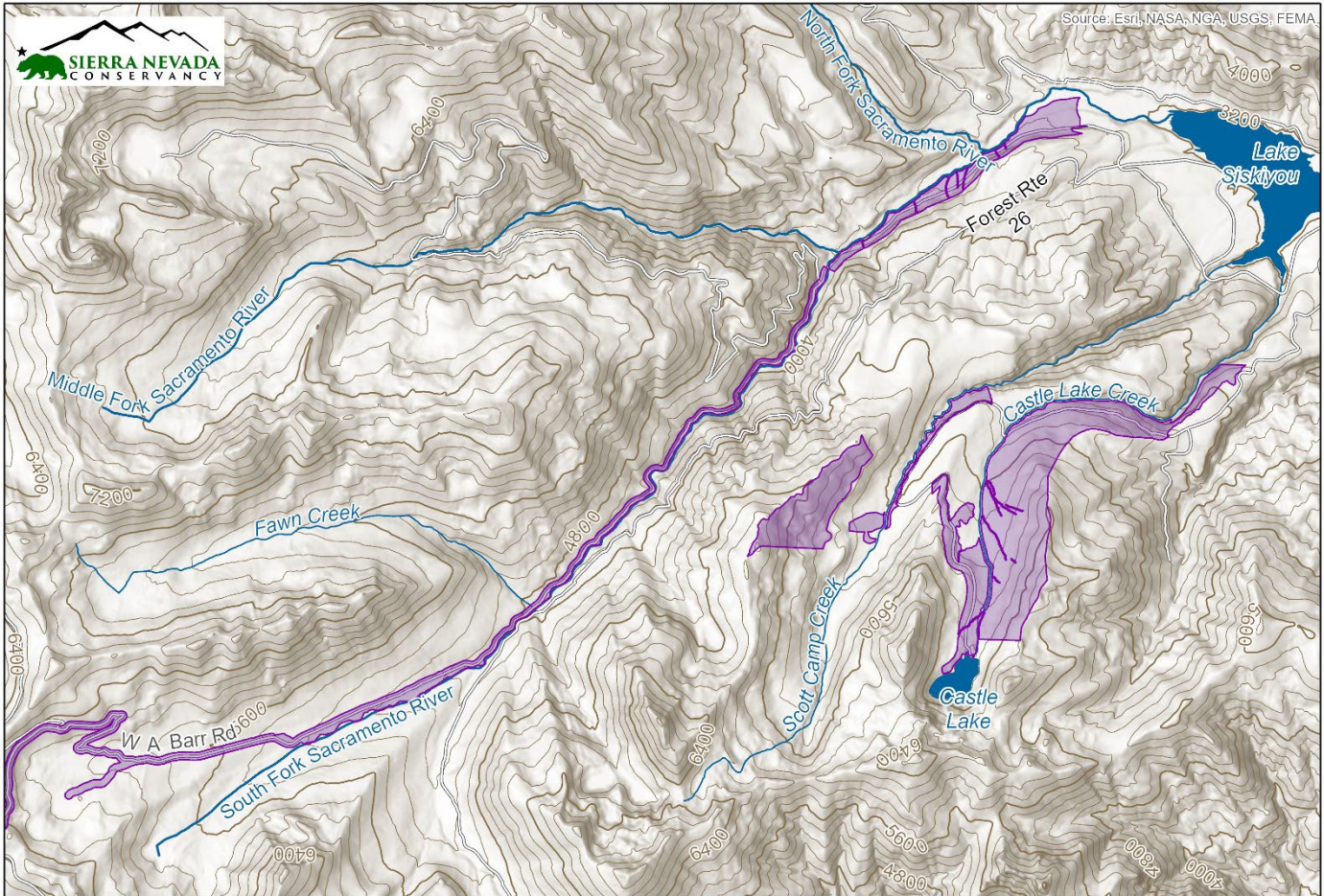
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Project Location

Consistent with Shasta-Trinity National Forest *South Fork Sacramento Public Safety and Forest Restoration Project Decision Notice, December 2023.*



1654: South Fork Sacramento Fire Resilience

United States Forest Service, Shasta-Trinity National Forest

 Project Area

