

**Notice of Determination**

Appendix D

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**From:**  
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**SUBJECT:** *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code*

**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):**NA

**Project Title:** Northwest End Royal Gorge Fuels Reduction (SNC 1663)

**Project Applicant:** Truckee Donner Land Trust

**Project Location (include county):** Immediately north of the Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort at 9411 Pahatsi Road, Soda Springs, CA; Placer County. MDBM: T17N R14E S27,S28

**Project Description:** The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Truckee Donner Land Trust (TDLT) for wildfire fuels reduction and forest-habitat restoration on 291 acres of TDLT-owned land. All work will be performed in compliance with the California Forest Practices Act and an adopted Timber Harvest Plan for the property (Timber Harvesting Plan No. 2-23-00120-PLA, Royal Gorge), approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection on Feb. 12, 2024. Forest treatments will involve commercial thinning via mechanical treatments and meadow restoration, which would consist of removal of conifers that are encroaching into meadow and riparian habitat. In the treatment area, at least 75 square feet basal area per acre will be retained. Insect and/or disease affected trees will be prioritized for removal. Mechanical treatments will be completed by a Licensed Timber Operator under the direction of a Registered Professional Forester. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will monitor compliance with the terms of the Timber Harvesting Plan.

This is to advise that the **SNC (Responsible Agency)** has approved the above-described project **June 6, 2024**, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A **Timber Harvesting Plan (Plan No. 2-23-00120-PLA)** was adopted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Chapter 8, commencing with section 4511 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code. The Timber Harvest Plan meets the requirements of a Substitute Document pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15252. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is using the substitute document in its approval of the project as a Responsible Agency, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15253 (a) and (b).
3. Mitigation measures **were** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was not** adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were not** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**This is to certify that the Timber Harvesting Plan with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:**

The State of California CALTREES Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration website, records for THP 2-23-00120-PLA, at:

[https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/Caltrees/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=TH\\_Document&TabName=TH\\_Document&capID1=REC23&capID2=00000&capID3=007AH&agencyCode=CALTREES&IsToShowInspection=](https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/Caltrees/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=TH_Document&TabName=TH_Document&capID1=REC23&capID2=00000&capID3=007AH&agencyCode=CALTREES&IsToShowInspection=)

**Signature (Public Agency):** *Angela Avery*

**Title:** Executive Officer

**Date:** 6/10/2024

**Date Received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code  
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code