

## 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:** South Warner Wilderness Fire Restoration Project – Amendment (#1371.1)

**Project Location – Specific:** Modoc National Forest in Modoc County, near the communities of Cedarville, Eagleville, Likely, and Alturas

**Project Location - City:**

**Project Location - County:** Modoc

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This is an amendment to the grant agreement between Sierra Nevada Conservancy and USDA Forest Service, Modoc National Forest for the South Warner Wilderness Fire Restoration Project. The project is the preparation of an Ignition Management Guide to guide the entire 70,200-acre South Warner Wilderness, as well as surveys in area outside the Wilderness area adjacent and west/northwest of the Wilderness. The Project includes monitoring and surveys to complete future NEPA and CEQA analyses in the area adjacent to the Wilderness area for the Pine Springs Project which has not been approved, adopted, or funded by SNC.

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

**Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, Modoc National Forest

**Exempt Status:**

**Statutory Exemption:** Public Resources Code, section 21150; CEQA Guidelines section, 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

**Categorical Exemption:** CEQA Guidelines, section 15306 (Information Collection)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes monitoring and surveys to complete future NEPA and CEQA analyses in the area adjacent to the Wilderness area for the Pine Springs Project which has not been approved, adopted, or funded by SNC, and an Ignition Management Guide to guide the entire Wilderness. The Project activities include only the planning, resource surveys, environmental analysis, and coordination to develop NEPA and CEQA environmental analyses for potential future forest treatment projects as well as preparation of Ignition Management Guide. There will be no ground or resource disturbance as part of this Proposed Project. None of the planning or analysis activities to be conducted under this Proposed Project will have a legally binding effect on future activities or are for a possible future project that an agency has already approved, adopted, or funded. No exceptions to Categorical Exemption 15306 apply to the Project.

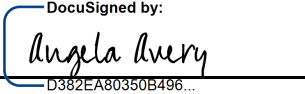
**Lead Agency**

**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:**  \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Title:** Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 5/29/2024 \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by Lead Agency:** Yes

**Signed by Applicant:** No

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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.