

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019029109

Project Title: Genesee Valley Watershed Improvement Project (SNC 1082)

Project Applicant: Plumas Audubon Society

Project Location (include county): The project area is located between 4 and 11 miles east of Taylorsville, CA and geographically divided into three separate areas or "project units": Genesee Woods, Heart K Northwest, and Heart K Southeast.

Project Description:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide \$506,714 to the Plumas Audubon Society (PAS) for the Genesee Valley Watershed Improvement project (project). This project is a collaborative effort between the Plumas Audubon Society (PAS), the Feather River Resource Conservation District (FRRCD) and U.S. Forest Service aimed at reducing the risk of high-severity wildfire as well as taking steps toward restoring watershed and forest health through hand-thinning, hand piling, pile burning and broadcast burning of approximately 879 acres of forested National Forest and adjacent private land.

Project activities would include forest hand thinning, hand piling, pile burning, and prescribed broadcast burning. Thinning of small diameter trees under 10 inches DBH, clearing ladder fuels, hand piling, and pile burning will take place in the Genesee Woods project unit (506 acres). Broadcast burning will take place on the two Heart K project units (134 acres NE; 239 acres SE) as a follow-up to previous thinning and pile-burning.

The entire project area and all proposed activities were evaluated in the final Genesee Valley Watershed Improvement Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) adopted on May 13, 2019 (SCH# 2019029109). All mitigation measures specified in the IS/MND to minimize impacts related to biological resources and cultural resources will be implemented by FRRCD and through contractual obligations with its contractor.

This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

Described project on and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project. (date)

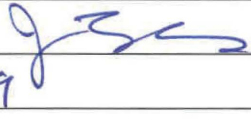
- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project to the provisions of CEQA.

- 3. Mitigation Measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] adopted for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

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

Signature (Public Agency):



Title:

Deputy Executive Officer

Date:

6/7/19

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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