

Notice of Determination

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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): 2008082031

Project Title: Antelope Creek WUI Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project (CDFW Antelope Valley State Wildlife Area) (SNC #1564)

Project Applicant: Sierra Valley Fire Safe and Watershed Council

Project Location (include county): The project treatment units are located approximately six miles southwest of the town of Loyaltown in Sierra County and are adjacent to the 1994 Cottonwood Fire and the 2005 Harding Fire footprints. The treatments are proposed to go along either side of Antelope Valley Road in the Antelope Valley State Wildlife Area, which is managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Project Description:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will provide funding to the Sierra Valley Fire Safe and Watershed Council to implement the Antelope Creek WUI Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project on 130 acres of CDFW land. With match funding from CDFW, the project will treat a total of approximately 475 acres on CDFW land for forest health and fuels reduction through mastication and hand thinning methods. The project was identified in the Antelope Valley and Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area Land Management Plan, which was evaluated in an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND). This project in the CDFW Antelope Valley State Wildlife Area will be funded by the same grant funding related fuel-treatment activities on 45 acres of adjacent Tahoe National Forest land. The SNC has independently reviewed the IS/ND and determined the project would not result in significant environmental impacts.

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This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on June 1, 2023 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 Negative Declaration **was** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were not** 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 Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

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

DocuSigned by:  Chief Deputy Executive Officer
 Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: _____
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Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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