

# Notice of Determination

Appendix D

**To:**

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**From:**

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Lead Agency (if different from above):  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
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Susanville, CA 96130  
Contact: Ian Sims  
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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): 2018032001

Project Title: Diamond Mountain Forest and Watershed Restoration Project (SNC #1065)

Project Applicant: Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.

Project Location (include county): The project area is located on lands in the Lassen National Forest (LNF) 6 miles south of Susanville in Lassen County. The project is adjacent to the unincorporated communities of Baxter Creek, Elysian Valley, and Janesville.

**Project Description:**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide \$882,087 to the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) for the Diamond Mountain Forest and Watershed Restoration Project (project). The project will implement fuel reduction/thinning, prescribed burning, and fencing at-risk aspen communities on 1,056 acres of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land through a stewardship agreement with USFS. Much of the project area is overstocked forest with high hazardous fuel loads. The purpose of the project is to restore watershed function and forest health and to protect adjacent communities from wildfire.

Approximately 107 acres of mixed-conifer plantations (Jeffrey pine, ponderosa pine, and red fir) would be treated using a combination of biomass utilization, mastication, and hand thinning. Prescribed burning is planned for approximately 800 acres. Prescribed fire treatments would include under burning, pile burning, and the preparation work needed prior to prescribed fire ignitions. The project would also install 8,448 feet of aspen stand deer exclusion fence.

The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District evaluated the project in the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (SCH# 2018032001). All mitigation measures specified in the IS/MND to minimize impacts related to air quality, agricultural/forest resources, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, and hazards and hazardous materials will be implemented on USFS lands through a stewardship agreement between USFS and LCFSC, and through contractual agreements with USFS crews, CAL FIRE crews, or other contracted crews. SNC has reviewed the IS/MND prepared by Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District and has independently determined that the project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

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This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has approved the above  
( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)  
described project on March 7, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the  
above (date)  
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** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** adopted for this project
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were** 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

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: ASSISTANT STATE OFFICER

Date: 3/14/2019 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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